AHAVAS ACHIM NEWSLETTER

APRIL 28, 2016 | **פסח** | **כ"א ניסן תשע"ו**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

שביעי/אחרון של פסח

Thursday Candlelighting..... 7:32 p.m.
Thursday Mincha/Maariv .... 7:00 p.m.
Thursday/Friday Mincha/Maariv .... 7:40 p.m.

Friday/Shabbat Shacharit ....7:00 & 9:00 a.m.
Friday/Shabbat Youth Minyan..... .....9:30 a.m.
Friday/Shabbat Youth Groups..... ..... 10:00 a.m.
Friday/Shabbat Baby Group .... 10:30 a.m.

Friday Daf Yomi (Kiddushin 49)..... ..... 6:50 p.m.
Friday Candlelighting..... 7:33 p.m.
Shabbat Daf Yomi (Kiddushin 50)..... ..... 6:40 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha..... 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Neilat HaChag ..... 7:50 p.m.
Shabbat Maariv..... 8:29 p.m.
Motzei Shabbat/Yom Tov.... 8:43 p.m.
Use sold Chametz .....after 10:45 p.m.

אחרי מות

Sunday Shacharit.....8:00 & 9:00 a.m.
Monday & Thursday Shacharit ....6:25 & 7:45 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Shacharit .....6:35 & 7:45 a.m.
Sunday-Thursday Mincha/Maariv..... ..... 7:45 p.m.
Monday-Thursday late Maariv..... ..... 9:30 p.m.
Friday Candlelighting ..... 7:41 p.m.
Friday Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv..... 7:50 p.m.

North Side Minyan April
(7:00 p.m. throughout Summer)
David and Sharon Stern
403 North 8th Ave., Edison

AHAVAS ACHIM 127TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Guests of Honor
Barry and Debbie Leskowitz

Young Leadership Award
Josh and Bethany Goldstein

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to **Jonathan and Lori Caplan, Danny Strulowitz** and **Esther Lakind** on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents, **Joey and Emily Caplan** and to the great-grandparents **Philip and Iola Caplan**. The **Shalom Zachar** will be **Friday night (8th night of Pesach)** at **9:30 p.m.** at the home of **Jonathan and Lori Caplan, 25 Olden Road.** The **Bris** will take place at **Ahavas Achim** on **Monday, May 2,** following the **7:45 a.m. Shacharit.**

Mazel Tov to **Dr. Dmitry and Elina Chizhik** on birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents, **Rabbi Benjamin Goldschmidt and Avital Chizhik Goldschmidt.**

המקום ינחם

The Congregation extends its condolences to **Jane Stein** on the loss of her sister, **Doris Kukin ז"ל.** Shiva will be observed after Pesach from **Sunday, May 1-Friday, May 6** at **11 Prescott Road, East Brunswick. Shacharit: Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.; Mincha/Maariv: Sunday-Thursday: 7:35 p.m.** Please do **not** visit between **12:00-1:00 p.m.** and **6:00-7:30 p.m.** to allow the family time for lunch and dinner. At the request of the family, please do **not** visit **after 10:00 p.m.** To learn **Mishnayiot** in memory of **Doris Kukin (Devora bat Moshe v'Rachel),** please visit: **http://www.lzechernishmas.com.** May she and her family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

רפואה שלמה

The Congregation extends a רפואה שלמה to:

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Reed Altholz - חיים ראובן בן ליבה
Susan Borger - שרה רוזה בת פשה
Philip Caplan - שרגא יהודה בן חיה
Melvin Chefitz - מנחם אריה בן חיה חנה שפרינצא
Marianne Erdfarb- סימה חנה בת ציפורה הילה
Abe Feigenbaum- אברהם שמואל בן חיה פֶּערֶל
Candi Feinberg - חנה בת נחה
Eva Grin - חוה רחל בת דבורה
Dorothy Litt - דבורה בת פסל
Janet Rivenson - יהודית רחמה בת לאה
Myra Rosenbaum - מרים בת סאסי ריזל
Anny Safier - אופירה חיה בת רבקה צביה
Fred Schuler
Steven Weintraub - ישראל בן זלדה
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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"EARLY" THURSDAY EVENING MINYAN

In addition to the **7:40 p.m. Mincha/ Maariv** on **Thursday, April 28,** there will be a **7:00 p.m. Mincha/Maariv** in the Main Sanctuary for those who would like to start Yom Tov a little earlier.

NEILAT HACHAG

On the last afternoon of **Pesach, this Shabbat, April 30,** between Mincha and Maariv, Ahavas Achim will host our annual **Neilat HaChag celebration.** Please join us in the Downstairs Social Hall for singing and divrei torah as we close out Pesach. Please bring any packaged Kosher L'Pesach cookies, cakes, snacks, and treats that will not be eaten by you after Pesach with you to shul in order to fuel our Neilat HaChag.

PURCHASING CHAMETZ AFTER PESACH

One may not eat or derive benefit from chometz which was owned by a Jew during Pesach. The following is a partial list of local stores and their status regarding the purchase of chometz.

- All stores under VAAD supervision are acceptable for the purchase of chometz. (Note: Baked items from **Dunkin Donuts** may not be eaten until **9:40 p.m.** on **Saturday, April 30,** because they are baked on Shabbat and Yom Tov. In general, throughout the year, one should wait one hour after the end of Shabbat before eating Dunkin Donuts baked products.) The Vaad encourages the community to patronize local kosher establishments whenever possible.
- In our area, the Vaad is of the opinion that both **Acme** and the following ShopRite stores are acceptable for the purchase of chometz, although from a halachic perspective, there is an advantage that Acme has over ShopRite. The acceptable ShopRite stores are: Route 1 South, Route 18 in East Brunswick, Bound Brook, or **any ShopRite with a Kosher Experience** (these ShopRite's are owned by non-Jews.)
- **Stop & Shop** and **Target** are owned by non-Jews. However, their distributor, **C & S (Cohen & Siegel),** is Jewish. As a public service, Rav Elazar Mayer Teitz, the distinguished Rav of Elizabeth, has sold the chometz of C&S for many years, but there were divergent halachic opinions about the efficacy of this sale which covered chometz purchased by C&S during Pesach. In consultation with Rav Yisrael Belsky z"l, Rabbi Teitz included additional enhancements to the sale to address some areas of concern. Nonetheless, the sale of chometz of a food establishment that continues to operate on Pesach remains a matter of dispute among contemporary *poskim.* If one does not rely on this leniency, our recommendation is to wait until **Lag Bo'omer, Thursday, May 26,** to purchase overt chometz from these establishments. (Overt chometz includes cereal, cookies, crackers, pretzels, grains, and flour. Products which contain vinegar, such as mayonnaise, ketchup, and mustard, may be purchased since it is possible the vinegar is not chometz.)
- The majority or entire ownership of **BJ's, Costco, CVS, Duane Read, Rite Aid, Sam's Club, 7-Eleven, Trader Joe's, Walgreen's, Walmart** and **Wegman's** is non-Jewish and these stores are acceptable for the purchase of chometz.
- **C&S** does not supply fresh bread. Therefore, fresh bread under hashgocha may be purchased at any non-Jewish owned store, including **Stop & Shop** and **Target**, immediately after Pesach.
- Non-chometz items may be purchased from any store (e.g., fruit, vegetables, eggs, cooking oil, etc.)
- Since many alcoholic beverages are either definitely chometz or possibly chometz, they may not be purchased from a Jew who did not sell his chometz. The depletion of inventory in liquor stores takes longer than in supermarkets. As a result, we recommend waiting until after **Shavuot** before buying alcoholic beverages from a Jewish-owned store that did not arrange for the sale of chometz. Locally, one can purchase alcoholic beverages from **Rite Aid,** since it is not a Jewish-owned corporation.

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

The Ahavas Achim Shoah Committee presents our annual **pre-Yom Hashoah commemoration next Shabbat afternoon, May 7,** between Mincha and Maariv. We will hear the story of **Mrs. Tova Friedman.** Mrs. Friedman, a resident of Highland Park, is one of the youngest child survivors of Auschwitz-Birkenau. She currently works as a therapist at Jewish Family Services of Somerset County. All adults and children 10 and over are encouraged to attend as we bear witness to the destruction wrought upon our people during World War II.

SHABBAT ERETZ YISRAEL

All are invited to attend our special **Seudah Shlishit** on **Shabbat, May 14** in honor of the anniversary of the founding of Medinat Yisrael! Enjoy special foods from Eretz Yisrael, a dvar torah, and then choose one of the following three sessions:

- **Perspectives on Our Children Serving in Tzahal** with Dr. John Winer, proud father of a chayelet. How can parents navigate the maze of emotions when children enlist in Tzahal?
- **Israel Advocacy and BDS on Campus** with Andrew Getraer, Director of Rutgers Hillel and passionate advocate for Israel. What are the latest challenges and opportunities for our collegiates?
- **The AA Mission to Israel** with Lisa Goldberg. Come and learn about our fifteen years of incredible January trips to Israel! Lisa Goldberg, our Mission Chair, will share memories and anecdotes of previous trips and discuss the plans for January 2017. Will this be your year?

The program will conclude after Maariv and Havdalah with a screening of the film **Beneath the Helmet**.

AAU PRESENTS DR. SHALOM HOLTZ

Ahavas Achim University is proud to welcome back Yeshiva University's **Dr. Shalom Holtz,** renowned expert on Tanach and Bible Studies, for our final **Tuesday Night Lecture Series** of this year's programming. On **Tuesdays, May 10, 17,** and **24** at **8:00 p.m.,** Dr. Holtz will present a three-part shiur on **"Hoshea: The Marriage of a Prophet."** This will be a fascinating journey into one of the lesser studied Neviim and an opportunity to learn from a phenomenal teacher on a more sustained basis.

AAU PRESENTS RABBI DR. MEIR SOLOVEITCHIK

Please reserve **Shabbat, May 27-28** for a special **Shabbat Experience** with **Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveitchik,** Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel: The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue in New York City and Director of Yeshiva University's Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought. Rabbi Soloveitchik will speak four times over the course of Shabbat and there will be a **Friday dinner** in the shul prior to his first lecture, *by reservation only.* Please stay tuned for complete details. This weekend is generously sponsored by **Barry and Marcia Levinson** in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

LOOKING TO DECLUTTER?

Donate your gently used, resalable items for our annual **Yard Sale!** Please contact **Miriam** at **aayouth100@gmail.com** before you drop off at the shul.

AHAVAS ACHIM'S 127TH ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL DINNER

Mazel Tov to **Barry and Debbie Leskowitz** who will be Guests of Honor at **Ahavas Achim's 127th Anniversary Dinner.** Mazel Tov also to **Josh and Bethany Goldstein** who will be honored with the Young Leadership Award. Please hold **Sunday evening, June 19,** open on your calendars so that we may celebrate with our wonderful honorees.

As in previous years, you can receive complimentary tickets to the dinner by soliciting advertisers for our Dinner Journal. Journal Ad blanks have been emailed. They are also available in the racks in the Shul lobby and through the Shul's website: **www.AhavasAchim.org.** Full details will be provided in upcoming announcements, mailings and the website.

AAU SHIURIM

Monday-Thursday after 9:30 p.m. Maariv Chug Mishnayot

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Torah Gems with Rabbi Moshe Goldberger *(for men only)*

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Sefer Yirmiyahu with Rabbi Mark Glass *(for men only)*

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Gemara Pesachim with Rabbi Shlomo Nussbaum *(for men only)*

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Mishnah Bava Metzia with Rabbi Akiva Weitzner *(for men only)*

Thursday 9:00 p.m., Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Yissocher Frand on the TCN *($5 per shiur)*

Shabbat 9:30 a.m. *(after 7:00 a.m. Shacharit)* Rambam Chug

Shabbat 50 minutes before Mincha Daf Yomi with Judah Abraham

Motzei Shabbat Navi with Rabbi Reisman on the TCN ***(10:30 p.m. May 7-June 4;** $5 per shiur)*

SISTERHOOD NEWS

BOOK CLUB

The next **AA Sisterhood Book Club** meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 17,** at **8:30 p.m.** at the home of **Marcia Freedman, 7 Marshall Drive, Edison.** The book we will be discussing is ***A Guide for the Perplexed: A Novel*** by Dara Horn. We hope you can join us!

KIDDUSH REMINDER

There is no Kiddush in shul on April 30 due to Pesach. Kiddush on May 7 is catered. The Kiddush committee for **Shabbat, May 14** is: **Hecht, Hornstein** and **Huberman.** The Kiddush committee for **Shabbat, May 21** is: **Jacobs, Karpoff** and **Rafi and Lisa Katz.**

YOUTH NEWS

GROUPS FOR PESACH

Please note: There will be groups and Youth Minyan for the **last 2 days of Pesach, this Friday/Saturday, April 29-30.**

JUMPING JELLYBEANS

AA Youth and Fresh Theatre Arts are proud to bring you its monthly toddler music and dance class. Please RSVP for our next event taking place on **Sunday, May 15** from **10:30-11:30 a.m.** Cost: **$5** per family. Snacks will be provided. Kids ages 0-5 are invited and must attend with an adult. Please RSVP to **Miriam** at **aayouth100@gmail.com.** *Sponsored by the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.*

YAHRZEITS

4/30	Dr. Irwin Hametz	Mother
5/1	Jane Stein	Father
5/2	Craig Hanoch	Mother
	Stanley Presser	Father
5/3	Marlene Barth	Mother
	Edward Lowinger	Mother
5/4	Herman Lipschitz	Mother
	Janet Rivenson	Mother
	Ida Rose	Brother
5/5	Samantha Schulman	Mother

GROUP TIMES

Youth Minyan: 9:30 a.m.

Baby/Toddler Room: 10:00 a.m. open play, 10:30 a.m. organized parent and me groups

All other groups: 10:00 a.m.

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MATERNITY LEAVE

Our Youth Director, **Miriam Tennenbaum** is currently on maternity leave until after **May 6.** Should any issues arise, she can still be reached throughout the week via email at **aayouth100@gmail.com. Laura Weiss** will be supervising Shabbat morning groups until Miriam returns. Youth Committee co-chairs, **David Friedman** and **Rafi Katz,** are also available if you have any questions.

SHABBAT GROUPS BIRTHDAY PARTY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Celebrating your child's birthday? Sponsor a birthday party for your child's Shabbat morning group: includes birthday game, birthday hats, and special snacks. Sponsorships start at **$25.** Please contact **Miriam** at **aayouth100@gmail.com** for more information!

COMMUNITY NEWS

RUTGERS HILLEL ANNUAL GALA

Save the date: **Thursday, June 2** from **6:00-9:00 p.m.** for the **Rutgers Hillel Annual Gala** at the **College Avenue Student Center** in New Brunswick. They are honoring **Terri and Michael Rosenberg** with the Rabbi Julius Funk Alumni Award, and **Bethany Mandel** with the Young Alumni Award. There will also be student-led tours of the new Hillel building. For more information, visit the website: **www.rutgershillel.org/gala2016/.**

HADASSAH L'DOR V'DOR EVENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Hadassah L'Dor V'Dor's annual **Girls Night Out Fondue and Facials** is scheduled for **Motzei Shabbat, May 14** at **9:30 p.m.** in a kosher home in Highland Park. A **Mary Kay** representative will be there. Please contact **Marnie Kean** at **732-816-4712** or **marniek18@gmail.com** by **Monday, May 9** for details, location and RSVP. Hadassah members and non-members welcome! Be ready to relax, socialize, and learn about what Hadassah women do! They hope to see you there!

MASHIACH SEUDAH THIS SHABBAT

The community is invited to attend a **Mashiach Seudah** on the **last day of Pesach, this Shabbat, April 30** at **7:30 p.m.** at **Ohav Emeth.** Bring the whole family for inspirational stories by **Rabbi Kaufman** and other community members, songs, matzah and four cups in anticipation of the future redemption with Mashiach. This free community event is co-sponsored by **Ohav Emeth** and **Rutgers Chabad.** For more information, contact **Rabbi Baruch Goodman** at **732-296-1800** or **bgoodman@rutgers.edu.**

CUBA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY IN RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH AREIVUT SERIES

The **Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah** and the **Sisterhood of HPCT-CAE** cordially invite you to join them for a special presentation on **Tuesday, May 10** at **7:30 p.m. Cory Schneider,** past president of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will share a fascinating presentation of the Women's League's recent 2016 humanitarian trip to Cuba. Learn about Cuba's Jewish community—a small but determined group dedicated to perpetuating Judaism.

Hadassah is for everyone! Men and non-members are most welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to **Susan Winter** at **732-985-5919** or **winter.susan@gmail.com.**

WOMENS' LEARNING AT AHAVAS ACHIM

Steinsaltz Ambassador Betzalel Strauss offers a **weekly womens' parsha discussion** based on the essays of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, **every Monday** at **1:00 p.m.** in the **Ahavas Achim Beit Midrash.** Hope you can join this group! For more information, contact **Cynthia** at **cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com.**

YOU, NORPAC AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

No matter who wins the Presidential election, the grassroots group **NORPAC** wants to guarantee that the relationship between the U.S. and Israel remains strong technologically, economically, and politically. You can have a direct impact on this strategic relationship by joining the **2016 NORPAC Mission to Washington, DC** on **May 18, 2016.**

Buses depart from **Edison/Highland Park** and arrive in our capital for one on one meetings with members of Congress and their staffs. All meals will be provided and all minyanim will be covered. The cost for round trip transportation and meals is **$175.** More details will be provided prior to the Mission or by contacting **Dr. Marc Hanfling** at **docdad@aol.com,** or speaking to AA bus captains **Milton Erdfarb** and **Abe Schwartzbard.** It's also a great learning experience for students over 12 (accompanied by an adult). They look forward to seeing you on the bus!

MIKVAH HOURS

The Highland Park **Mikvah hours** are: **Sunday–Thursday 9:00–11:00 p.m.; Motzei Shabbat, April 30: 9:45–11:30 p.m.; Friday nights** and **Pesach: April 28, 29: by appointment only.** Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more information, email **hpmikvah@gmail.com** or call **732-249-2411.**

RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH TRIP TO GRAND CENTRAL STATION

Join the **Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah** on **Tuesday, July 12,** as they tour **Grand Central Station,** a jewel in Midtown Manhattan. This tour will include hidden corners, legends and a few secrets, guided by Grand Central Station's resident historian. The mini-bus leaves Highland Park at **9:15 a.m.** and leaves NYC around **4:00 p.m.** The trip will cost **$71** per person and includes: the mini-bus, driver's tip and tour. Lunch is on your own in the area. Hadassah is for everyone! Men and non-members are most welcome.

Limited space available! Please contact **Elaine Rand Fromkin** at **732-257-1525** or **memajules1@gmail.com** to make reservations immediately! Once you make the reservations, make a check out to **HADASSAH,** and mail with names, phone numbers and email addresses of each person attending to: **Elaine Rand Fromkin, 12 Tompkins Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816** right away to hold the spots.

OHR TORAH YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM

Ohr Torah will hold a **Yom Hashoah program this Wednesday, May 4** at **8:00 p.m.** including a speaker and a candle lighting ceremony.

RPRY PARLOR MEETING

Please join **RPRY** for a **Parlor Meeting this Tuesday, May 3** at **8:00 p.m.** at the home of **Deena & Adam Schindelheim, 2 Franklin Court, East Brunswick.** Come meet administrators and current parents, and find out the details of "Why RPRY?" For more information, please contact **Chaye Kohl,** Director of Admissions, at **ckohl@rpry.org.**

YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM

Miriam Dobin will be speaking at **Temple Beth El,** 1489 Hamilton St, Somerset, **this Sunday, May 1** at **1:30 p.m.** She will be discussing her memoir, *I Am Because of You* and her family's experiences during the Shoah. A slide show and video will be included in this presentation. This program is free of charge and open to the public.

YESHIVA SHAAREI TZION SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

Save the date: **Sunday, June 19** at **9:30 a.m.** for the **Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Scholarship Breakfast.** The Guest of Honor will be **Rabbi Dovid Adlin** and the Parents of the Year are **Chaim and Debbie Sabo.** To place and ad and/or make a reservation visit the website: **www.ystnj.org.**

YOUNG ISRAEL OF EAST BRUNSWICK YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM

The **Young Israel of East Brunswick,** 193 Dunhams Corner Road, will hold their **Yom Hashoah Program this Thursday, May 5,** at **7:30 p.m.** The program will include a candle lighting to honor victims and survivors and feature speeches by two Holocaust survivors: **Rachel Sambul,** a Polish Jew who fled with her family to Russia and endured horrific conditions in Siberia, and **Saul Graf,** a Hungarian Jew who was transported to Auschwitz in 1944 and also survived other labor camps. For more information, please contact **Debbie Chustckie** at **chustckie@gmail.com** or **Jeffrey Taub** at **jeffreytaub@gmail.com.**

OHR TORAH SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

In celebration of **Yom Ha'atzmaut, Ohr Torah** will host **Rabbi Yeshaya Steinberger,** Maggid Shiur, Yeshivat HaKotel, and a District Rabbi in Jerusalem, who will serve as **Scholar-in-Residence** on **Shabbat, May 13-14.** Details to follow.

MIRIAM DOBIN TO SPEAK AT TABC SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The **Torah Academy of Bergen County Annual Scholarship Breakfast** will take place on **Sunday, May 22** at **9:30 a.m.** TABC is proud to be honoring **Dr. Naomi Knoller** and **Mrs. Irene Stein** for their dedicated service and valuable contributions to the school. Please visit website: **tabc.org/scholarshipbreakfast** for more information and to donate to the **Bruce Ritholtz z"l Scholarship Fund.** Questions? Call **Sharon Rifkind** at **201-837-7696 x123.**

YOM HASHOAH 2016 COMMEMORATIONS

The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey is proud to sponsor these events:

This Wednesday, May 4 at **7:30 p.m.** at the **JCC** of Middlesex, 1775 Oak Tree Road, Edison: Annual Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Program: **"Children of the Holocaust,"** with readings, musical selections, and a candle lighting to memorialize the lives of those touched by the Holocaust. Presented by Metuchen-Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association & Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County. For more information and RSVP, visit: **jccmc.org** or contact **732-494-3232 ext 3261** or **jshpigel@jccmc.org .**

Friday, May 6 at **9:30 a.m.** at **Brookdale Community College,** 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft-Brookdale Recreation and Events Center (BREC): Annual remembrance program: **"Maintaining the Human Spirit During the Holocaust."** Historian, author & professor Dr. Samuel Kassow will present: **"Time Capsules in Hell: The Secret Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto."** Candle lighting ceremony, processional with service members from Naval Weapons Station Earle & performances by Marlboro High School Chorus & Instrumental quartet. Presented by the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education (CHHANGE). For more information and RSVP, visit: **chhange.org** or contact **chhange@brookdalecc.edu** or **732-224-1889.**

Sunday, May 15 at **12:30 p.m.** at **Monroe Twp. Middle School,** 1629 Perrineville Road, Monroe, **"Surviving the SS St. Louis—Voyage of the Damned"** featuring **Eva Weiner,** infant on the St. Louis. Original film & processional featuring the reading of **"Six Million Tears"** and a candle lighting ceremony. Presented by Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee. For more information and RSVP, contact **732-605-7811** or **nwolff0325@aol.com.**

AHAVAS YISRAEL MOTHER'S DAY "BREAKFAST-IN-A-BOX"

Want to treat your wife, mother, or any special person in your life to breakfast in bed **this Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8?** The **Ahavas Yisrael Sisterhood** will once again be preparing a **bagel breakfast** that will save you the trouble of making it yourself! Each breakfast is **$18** and includes a bagel, cream cheese, lox, dessert and drinks. Cholov Yisroel boxes are available by request.

Boxes can be ordered on the Ahavas Yisroel website: **www.ayedison.org.** The deadline for ordering is **Thursday May 5.** Orders can be picked up on **Saturday night, May 7.** Pick up information will be emailed that week. For questions email **Sisterhood@AYedison.org**.

HIGHLAND PARK CONFERENCE FOR JEWISH WOMEN

Join **Ohav Emeth** on **Sunday, May 15** from **11:00 am.-2:00 p.m.** for their first annual **Highland Park Jewish Women's Conference.** It will be a day of inspiration while they discuss **"Idealism vs. Realism: Striving for Greatness While Accepting our Imperfections,"** featuring Keynote Speaker: **Yael Kaisman.** Cost: **$25 Women; $15 Students.** Please RSVP to: **hpjwconference@gmail.com.**

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GENEALOGY CLUB OF CENTRAL JERSEY

The next meeting of the **Genealogy Club of Central Jersey (GCCJ),** sponsored by the **Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey,** will take place on **Thursday, May 12,** at **7:00 p.m.** at **Ahavas Achim.** The topic of the meeting will be **"Jewish Family Names."** The origins and meanings of Jewish family names often are not what they appear to be. Jewish family names reflect the customs and laws of the countries where they originated, and they frequently are modified by family migrations. This talk examines the rich heritage that is attached to the names that we bear and attempts to distinguish fact from fiction on this often-puzzling topic.

THE RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN PRESENTS: THE LOST JEWS OF KAIFENG, CHINA

Join the **Retiree Lunch and Learn Program** on **Tuesday, May 17** at **12:00 p.m.** at **Ohr Torah.** Hear the fascinating history of Jewish life in Kaifeng, China. Beginning during the Northern Sung Dynasty (960-1127) when the Jews of Persia and India traveled the Silk Road to Kaifeng, the community thrived for many years but eventually died out in 1860. Shi Lei, the lecturer, is a descendent from one of the original Jewish families in Kaifeng, China. He is a graduate of Henan University in China. In keeping with this month's theme Jerusalem Pizza will cater a Chinese type luncheon. Cost: **$10.** Please RSVP by **Sunday, May 15** to: **Bella** at **732-317-1786** or **blerner18@optonline.net, Mildred** at **732-572-1712,** or **Marcia** at **732-572-5998** or **ppheffer@verizon.net.**

RPRY ANNUAL DINNER

RPRY's Annual Dinner will be held on **Sunday, May 22** at **6:00 p.m.** The Guests of honor are **Susan and Hillel Raymon; Melissa and Leeor Jerushalmy** will receive the Community Leadership Award; **Ariella Noveck** will receive the Distinguished Alumna Award; and they are honoring the **RPRY Class of 1986.** Please make your reservations and place an ad on the website: **www.rpry.adjournal.com.** For questions, email: **dinner@rpry.org.**

JCC TRIP TO APOLLO THEATRE AND JEWISH HARLEM

Join the **JCC** of Middlesex County on **Wednesday, May 18** for a tour of the world famous **Apollo Theatre** with Mr. Mitchell; then on to a walking tour of **Jewish Harlem** with NYC tour guide Marty Schneit. Bus leaves the JCC on Oak Tree Rd in Edison at **9:00 a.m.;** returns approximately **6:00 p.m.** Cost of **$68/JCCMC Member; $79/Non-member** includes: bus transportation and 2 guided tours. Lunch is on your own. Space is limited. Questions? Call **Diane Mael,** Director of Adult Services at **732-494-3232 extension 3614.**

FEDERATION WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY MAIN EVENT BRUNCH

The **Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy** invites you to **The Main Event Brunch** on **Sunday, May 22** at **10:30 a.m.** at **Ocean Place Resort & Spa, One Ocean Boulevard, Long Branch.** The event will feature Academy Award-winning actress & activist **Marlee Matlin** and is honoring **The Friendship Circle, Hand in Hand** and **Yachad** for brightening the lives of families with special needs and for their dedication to a Jewish community thriving together.

Couvert: **$154;** Couvert plus raffle pack **$208.** For more information and RSVP, visit the website: **jewishheartnj.org** or contact the **Jewish Federation** at **info@jewishheartnj.org** or **732-588-1800.** No minimum gift is required to attend The Main Event. A meaningful gift is encouraged and appreciated.

CARDOZO SOCIETY HOSTS JEFF GEWIRTZ

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 24,** as the **Cardozo Society** will host **Jeff Gewirtz,** Executive Vice President, Business Affairs & Chief Legal Officer for the Brooklyn Nets, Barclays Center, and New York Islanders (Business Operations). The event will take place at **McCarter & English LLP,** Two Tower Center Blvd., 24th Floor, East Brunswick at **7:00 p.m.** and will cost **$36.** More details to come! Email: **jasonk@jewishheartnj.org** for questions.

MEKOR CHAIM/STEINSALTZ AMBASSADORS LAG BA'OMER PROGRAM

Celebrate **Lag Ba'Omer** at the community-wide happening, coordinated by the **Mekor Chaim/ Steinsaltz Ambassadors program,** on **Thursday, May 26,** from **6:00-8:30 p.m.** at **Grove 1** in **Donaldson Park.** Free admission! Music and entertainment provided by Jeff Wilks! Activities for kids, learning sessions for adults and food and drinks for sale! Contact **Rabbi Shmulie Greene** for more information and sponsorship opportunities at **rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org** or **973-214-8577.**

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