

Junior Maccabi Athletes Find Success in Baltimore



Twenty-one Harrisburg JCC Athletes competed in the Mid-Atlantic Jr. Maccabi Games on Sunday, May 4 at the Owings Mills JCC in Baltimore. The group ranged in age from 10-12 years old. The day kicked off with an Opening Ceremony at the Baltimore JCC where Harrisburg proudly marched in to a cheering crowd. After the fun of Opening Ceremonies, it was time for the athletes to head to their competition.

Under the direction of Delegation Head Andrea Weikert and assisted by Terry Fisher, Harrisburg's athletes participated in swimming, tennis, table tennis and boys basketball. The swimmers were coached by Harrisburg JCC Swim Coach Teri Berman. The Harrisburg Jr. Maccabi swim squad had a stellar day. The 10 swimmers returned home with 19 medals in all. The

meet events are divided by age and gender except for the relays. There were 76 swimmers in all, representing 10 different JCCs from 5 states and the District of Columbia. Our team included: 10 year olds - Brian Dym and Sarah Yoffe; 11 year olds - Ilana Jacobson, Alana Reid and Hannah Woren; and 12 year olds - Sam Welks, Jason Weitzman, Isabelle Borr, Elana Peisner and Eliya Stein. Bringing home gold medals were Woren in the 50-yard Butterfly and the 200 Medley Relay team of Jacobson, Welks, Woren and Weitzman.

Silver medals were won by: Peisner in the 100-yard Breaststroke and the 100-yard Butterfly; Stein in the 200-yard Individual Medley and the 500-yard freestyle; Woren in the 100-yard Breaststroke and the 100-yard Individual Medley; and Yoffe in the 100-yard

Breaststroke.

Bronze medals were won by: Welks in the 50-yard Freestyle, the 100-yard Breaststroke and the 50-yard Breaststroke; Borr in the 100-yard Backstroke; Weitzman in the 50-yard Backstroke; Dym in the 50-yard Butterfly; Jacobson in the 100-yard Breaststroke; Peisner in the 50-yard Butterfly; Woren in the 50-yard Breaststroke; and Yoffe in the 50-yard Breaststroke.

Though Alana Reid, in her first season as a competitive swimmer, did not medal, she did add 14 points to our overall total, allowing Harrisburg's girls' squad to place 2nd overall and the team to place 4th.

Sammy Schwab, our bronze medalist in table tennis, was coached by Jacob Halbert and took on 6 competitors over the course of the day. Schwab won 5 matches with his only loss coming in the semi-final game to the eventual champion.

Tennis player William Halbert played in the advanced competitive 12-year-old boys' tournament. The players all displayed *rachmanus* and were excited to play their matches. The day opened with seeding matches. William played a grueling two tie-breaker matches in a row. He lost the second, after an hour and a half in the final point of a 12-point tie breaker. There were a stand of players and parents cheering them on in a



very competitive early match. With a quick drink and power bar, William went on to play three more matches losing in the semis to a high-ranked Maryland player. He started the morning at 9:45 a.m. and did not finish until after 4 p.m.

Rounding out the delegation was the Harrisburg boys' basketball team. The team was composed of players Owen Wiener, Alex Weinstock, Joseph Caplan, Max Krevsky, Stevie Rozyckie, Eli Spotts, Sid Astrachan, Ean Morrison and Drew Augustine. "The Jr. Maccabi boys' basketball team fared quite well. The boys practiced and played extremely hard. They lost all 4 games (all to big-city teams - New York, Philly, Washington, Baltimore) but each game was competitive which is quite an achievement considering the imbalance in talent pool and depth. Two games were very close and decided only at the very end - in one, a missed three-pointer at the buzzer was the difference. There is no doubt that they improved considerably. "It

was an honor to coach these wonderful kids, and we were all left with a sense of pride and accomplishment. I am looking forward to next year already!" stated Boys' Coach Solomon Krevsky. This is a class-act group made all of Harrisburg proud. Coach Krevsky continued, "The boys' basketball team showed great improvement and found themselves thrown into a tournament full of talent. Despite coming up short in a few of the games, the boys fought hard in all their games and truly grew as players over the course of the tournament."

After such a successful day, Harrisburg is already thinking about next year. Andrea Weikert commented, "Junior Maccabi is just such a special day. I look forward to it every year, as we always have such a great group of kids." Anybody interested in learning more about Jr. Maccabi, including those with children who will be 10-12 years of age as of May 1, 2015, should contact Andrea at a.weikert@jewishfedhbg.org or 236-9555 ext. 3108.

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We have a "grant wish list" of projects that include items that will support our programming to items that are in dire need of replacement and or repair. We are actively researching grant opportunities to see what might be available and what might seem like a good fit. We are also looking for introductions to grantors (businesses and foundations) to help us explain our work, the needs that we have and to explore if there might be a good fit for both organizations. That is where we could use your help. You might be surprised who you know that sits on a board or grant review committee. We need champions in our community who will introduce us, who will put in a good word for us when we submit our applications so that the grantor can better learn about the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg and all of the work that we do. We need you!

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) is another example of support that better enables the JFGH to help families in financial distress and provide them scholarships for a high-caliber education. The EITC program in Pennsylvania offers tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to a Scholarship Organization, an Educational Improvement Organization, and/or a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organization. Many families send their children to the Brenner Family Early Learning Center (ELC), located in the Jewish Community Center because of its quality, warm and nurturing environment. The JFGH is an approved Pre-K Scholarship Organization through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Applications for Pre-K are due July 1st this year. To learn more about the EITC program, if you are a business owner, please visit their website www.newpa.com.

Grants and EITC are just two examples of ways that we are reaching beyond our traditional fundraising to support our important work enabling us to make a greater impact on our community.

B'Shalom,



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Donna Fleetwood**

Where do you go for joy when you live in a post genocide country? Where do you go for joy when you have lost your family and have no job opportunities? Maybe it's as simple as an ice cream cone. Maybe it just takes one person who asks "How can I help?"

Join the Women of Vision on Tuesday, June 17th at 7pm to meet Donna Fleetwood as she shares her experiences in her improbable tale of Inzozu Nziza, the very 1st ice cream store in Rwanda. Donna Fleetwood of Bpeace will give a guided pictorial tour of her 2 weeks in Butare Rwanda training 17 women in customer service as they prepared to change their entire community with a sweet dream. You'll see lots of smiles and have a deeper understanding of how happiness is a choice for all of us. Donna will discuss how she found her life purpose for service and lifting the burdens of women through a series of synchronicities. Listen to this as a love story, for Donna reports that she has fallen for an entire country, and found her passion and joy in the process.

Inzozu Nziza has captured the imagination of all who hear how a little ice cream store will hold the space for new memories in a country still mourning it's loss. In June 2010 it was featured on CNN and in a Time magazine article titled "Can Ice Cream help pull Rwanda out of Poverty?"

Bpeace believes the path to peace is lined with jobs and that more jobs mean less violence. Bpeace works in Rwanda, Afghanistan, and is expanding into El Salvador. Donna Fleetwood is a full time local realtor and serves on the Executive Council of Bpeace, advocating for women's dreams of building a better future in their countries.

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Harrisburg Walks Together Raises over \$8,000 for PA Holocaust Monument

By Carol Hillman

On Sunday, May 4, 100 people from the Greater Harrisburg community walked together to support a good cause. Temple Beth Shalom sponsored Harrisburg Walks Together to oppose bigotry, support tolerance and raise money to repair and maintain the Pennsylvania Holocaust Monument on Front and Sayford Streets in Riverfront Park.

We owe the success of the event to many individuals. Thanks to Lisa Buffington, who came up with the idea of a Walk to preserve the Monument.

Thanks to the members of the Steering Committee: Esther Beck, Aviv Bliwas, John Caddell, Terri Dennehy, Father Paul Fisher, Honi Kibler, Michael McVey, Michelle Moses, Linda Ries, Lee Siegel, Lenwood Sloan and Harry Young.

Thanks to those folks who stepped up to help without being asked: Cecelia Baker, Etta and Myer Yospa, Shelley Adler and Mary Caufield, and to MAC (Midtown Square Action Council) for adopting the grounds surrounding the Monument.

Thanks to Lois Lehrman Grass for making the first contribution to the newly formed Greater Harrisburg Holocaust Memorial Perpetual Care Fund.

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Thanks to our speakers: Dr. Andrea Lieber, Dr. Ira Beckerman and Senator Rob Teplitz.

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Parents define their children's experiences of the world

By Jeff Merkert, B.A. and Faye L. Hall, M.A.

Little Johnny was just beginning to walk. He toddled, tilting to the left and right, and finally fell. His face registered surprise. Instinctually, he looked at mom. Mom automatically evaluated the fall and described how Johnny should respond. If mom was scared, Johnny would cry. If mom felt he was safe, Johnny would continue to explore. Mom defined the experience of the fall. Visualize a similar event sixty years later; Johnny sits by dad's bedside talking about life. Dad shares his thoughts, experiences, and emotions, both about his life and about his son's life. As the son listens and observes, dad is still supplying a template for his son to judge the events of life. Throughout life, parents define life's experiences. From the beginning to the end children are hardwired to observe their parents for survival.

Just by responding to life, parents indirectly model and teach values, ethics, regulation, relationships, and skills. Children internalize these responses. Beginning in infancy, parents talk to their infants, emotionally evaluating events and classifying them as positive or negative. This is done both verbally and non-verbally, via body language, tone of voice, and intentional decision making. In fact, we as parents would be well served to apply our own oft used adage to this role - 'actions speak louder than words'. Parents provide and describe clean diapers are comfortable, breakfast is filling, and smiling at Grandma is nice. They narrate negative or hurtful experiences as they keep their children from being cold, hungry, overtired, or in danger. The parents' interpretation enables the child to make sense of their own experiences and provides a template in how to behave and interact in the world.

This parenting role diminishes over time but does not disappear. Adolescence is a time to begin separating from parents and seek one's own definitions. These definitions will include what they internalized from their parents. Today's families are finding this vital role more difficult because of the bombardment of rapid environmental changes unmatched by previous generations. Parents may be unsure about how to respond to the novel situations their children are facing. Many often have too little time to interact with their children's lives. Some fear they lack the skill to evaluate accurately. Most of us feel in conflict with our children's peers and the media. As a result, parents may abdicate their power. This is often done unintentionally by allowing too much freedom, or too little limitation, or often just neglecting to ask about their lives and provide an opinion. Our hesitancy about the good and/or bad of a situation can lead us to avoid getting involved at all. And it's not just a matter of us getting involved in their lives. Historically children were required to be much more involved in parents' lives, too. It took the whole family (or at least there was nowhere else for the children to go) to run the home, farm or business that provided livelihood and sustenance. This resulted in much more interaction than present day families experience. And with every interaction, there was mom or dad reacting, deciding, and inevitably being observed by the children. Today families are often led to enroll their children in so many programs and activities they barely interact with parents at all. When this modern abdication occurs, these definitions will need to be supplied from some other sources, because our children cannot live without evaluating good and bad in their experiences. Do we want pop stars defining our children's wardrobe? How about the story lines from m-TV's latest reality show modeling good or bad choices? They will need to get their definitions from somewhere! We as the primary hardwired source of their observations cannot just point them in the desired direction. We need to be the desired direction and be in their observations to deliver this vital parental role.

Consider how you are defining the world for your children. Children will never stop looking to parents for this most valuable function. It's true, many will deny and argue against our influence. This is a normal response to the conflicting values they are constantly being deluged with. But even in the midst of modern chaos, our children are constantly looking for parents to provide the definitions of their world.

Faye Hall is Program Director and Jeff Hall is Program Co-Director of Healing Hearts Family Based Mental Health, a Program of Jewish Family Service.

Men's Basketball League Returns to the HBG JCC

By Steve Cooper

After several years' absence, it is with great pleasure and excitement that the JCC Sports and Fitness Department has resumed its Men's Competitive Basketball League. The league started in the beginning of April and will run until the end of June. The league consists of six teams competing every Thursday night and includes players ranging in age from high school up to those who are 50+.

The league has been not only super competitive, but fun and exciting. The league has drawn a number of new members and new faces into the building, while providing an opportunity for our own members to show off their skills on the court! With the season already half-way completed, league commissioners Terri Travers and Steve Cooper are looking forward to expanding the league in the fall. With the JCC's rich tradition in basketball, it's only fitting to have the best Men's Basketball League in the area! If you're around the JCC on a Thursday night, stop in and see the action.

JCC SENIOR ADULT CLUB HOSTS STUART, SARA and ZEV MALINA SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 17th, 2014 !!!

The Harrisburg JCC's Senior Adult Club is most excited to announce that Maestro Stuart Malina and his daughter, Sara and son, Zev will be presenting a musical program for our members on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, for our after lunch entertainment.



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I'm sure we will have many members who won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Maestro Malina and his children's musical performance. Please make your reservations early and no later than Tuesday June 10th, so we can accommodate all those who would like to attend. Call Cheryl at 236-9555 Ext. 3115 for your reservations. Cost for lunch and program is \$10 for Senior Adult Club Members/\$20 for Non-Members. Program only is \$10 members and \$20 non-members, no walk-ins please.

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Local Jewish Cubs Scout Inaugurate New Pine Wood Derby Track



Central Pennsylvania's local Jewish Cubs Scout pack members were proud to inaugurate their brand new Pine Wood Derby track earlier this month. Malachi Schleg, a first-grader at The Silver Academy won first prize (right photo). The new track was made possible through generous donations from friends and families as well as several local businesses. The pack is very grateful to the community for the support!



Harrisburg Jewish Scout Troop and Cub pack have activities year round. They are now preparing to embark on their summer adventures. During the year, they meet at Beth El Temple. To find out more, please contact Ben Altman at baltman6@comcast.net, or any current Troop or Pack member.

REFLECTIONS ON THE MARCH OF THE LIVING 2014

By Lillian Rappaport

2014 March of the Living participants enjoying the magnificent view of Jerusalem: Left to right - Emily Woolf; Jen Wiley; adult participant Marilynn Kanenson; Leetal Shefet; chaperone Lillian Rappaport; Michael Jose; Becca Feldman; and Abri Bernstein.

People who know me well know that I am particularly passionate about several things: my family, Jewish education, the State of Israel, and the March of the Living.

I'd like to share some reflections on the March of the Living from which I recently returned. The March is a two-week program for Jewish teens that is a study in

contrasts. I was accompanied by Rebecca Feldman, Michael Jose, Jen Wiley and adult participant, Marilynn Kanenson. Also participating from Harrisburg were Abri Bernstein (our honorary/former Harrisburg resident), Leetal Shefet, and Emily Woolf. The first week on the March of the Living is spent in Poland. Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, is observed with a 5-kilometer march from Auschwitz I to Birkenau, the sub camp where Jews were starved, tortured and murdered. The second week is spent in Israel, and the students observe both Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day for fallen soldiers, and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, with their Israeli counterparts. A second March begins in downtown Jerusalem and ends at the kotel, the Western Wall.

The recurring theme of the March of the Living...what we sang to, what we danced to, what we prayed for-- was Am Yisrael Chai...the Jewish people live on... The March is an inspiring, life-affirming, unforgettable journey; a roller coaster of emotions - from sadness to elation, from despair



to hope, and above all, a feeling of "oneness" with Klal Yisrael--the Jewish people.

Imagine 10,000 young Jews from all corners of the earth gathering in Poland to bear witness, with great sadness and loss, to the devastation of the rich, thriving 600-year-old Polish Jewish community. They searched for traces of a world that is no more. They discovered that, of the hundreds of Jewish schools and synagogues that existed in Poland

before the war, those that remained are now used as museums of Jewish culture, and are no longer vibrant institutions used by the living. Like many others, our students may have left Poland still wondering how it was possible for the destruction of an entire generation of Jews to occur; but they have pledged to keep their memories alive.

During a previous visit to the Polish death camp, Maidanek, I saw a mother wheeling a baby stroller through the camp while a group of Polish teens nearby chatted and laughed, as if they were in a park. I noticed them soon after entering the camp, just beyond the entrance gate. Their

laughter was the first sound I heard in Maidanek, an otherwise silent, lifeless place. Even now, years later, the sound of their laughter still echoes in my mind when I think about that visit. I went to Maidanek because it is part of my own story; I left thinking about how little it means to many others.

I didn't take any photographs at Maidanek because I didn't need to: horror, even seen nearly 70 years after it ended, isn't easily erased from memory. Speechlessness cannot be captured on film. Sheer incomprehension at the senselessness of what happened there does not translate digitally. The pain caused by standing on the same ground where countless Jews and non-Jews perished is not the kind of thing one can record with a camera.

Then imagine the March of the Living - walking along the same train tracks as their great-grandparents did...stopping along a high bridge and looking out... seeing hundreds of Israeli flags waving in the breeze, held with pride by 10,000 beautiful, young Jews hailing from every imaginable country and continent... being

privileged to witness not a walk of despair but rather a march of life, of youth, of the promise of a bright Jewish future. In my entire life, I have never experienced anything more life affirming.

Then, seemingly in an instant, imagine these same 10,000 lovely Jewish teens bearing witness once again, this time with joy, pride and burgeoning love, to the rebirth of another rich, thriving Jewish community...this time in Israel, our Jewish homeland. Masada, the Dead Sea, the Galil, Safed, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv - all were visited; all were exquisitely beautiful beyond words.

The closing activity of the March of the Living was the "main event" held at Latrun, the site of a major battle in the 1948 War of Independence which was the turning point in opening the road to Jerusalem. Incredibly, one of the acts was a Hasidic rock band blasting "Adon Olam," and "Am Yisrael Chai" while thousands of Jewish teens jumped and danced to the music. Amazing and unforgettable. I was wiping away tears of happiness most of the evening just watching the kids.

The March of the Living is powerful, meaningful, and memorable. It stays with the students and changes the way they feel about their religion, about living active Jewish lives, about love for Israel, and about how Jews the world over are all connected to each other.

Bryan Adler, whose parents are Temple Ohev Sholom members Ted and Shelley Adler, participated in the March of the Living over fifteen years ago. When writing about the March of the Living, I always include an excerpt from the journal he kept during the March because, to me, this says it all: "Before I went on the March, I was a Jew in my head; now I'm a Jew in my heart."

The March of the Living is open to Jewish students in their senior year of high school. A year-long preparatory course offered through Hebrew High is required for participation through our Federation. The March is also open to adult participants. For more information, please feel free to contact me. I would be thrilled to share more information about this extraordinary program with you.

Silver Academy to Hold Graduation June 12th



Silver Academy eighth graders arriving at Ben Gurion Airport, on their recent trip to Israel. Left to right, Miriam Reid, Hallel Cheskis, Anya Fox, Ari Dym, Yael Muroff, Simona Shuman

The Rabbi David L. Silver Academy will be holding this year's graduation ceremony on Thursday evening, June 12, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary Sachs Auditorium. This year's graduating class will be Hallel Cheskis, Ari Dym, Anya Fox, Yael Muroff, Miriam Reid and Simona Shuman. The entire community is invited to attend the ceremony.

All six graduates of this year's class have attended the Silver Academy for the entire ten years beginning with Ganeinu, the nursery school program.

The graduates have been active participants in the Harrisburg Jewish community, including being active in JCC plays, local Hebrew schools, JCC sports teams, and more. Each student has also fulfilled the requirements of the Silver Academy to perform Gam Chai (community service) each year. This year's graduates have also shown their academic excellence through Science Fair awards, winning the Schwab Holocaust Essay contest, and a nationwide Hebrew poetry writing contest, among other things.

The class recently returned from a 15-day trip to Israel, where they joined students from two schools in the Philadelphia area to visit Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tzfat, Elat, the Dead Sea and more. The trip culminated the Silver Academy experience and a Modern Israel class taught by Nachum Chasan, Head of School, who accompanied the class on the trip.

Next year, Yael, Miriam and Simona will attend the Beth T'filoh Dahan Community Day School in Pikesville, MD, and Hallel, Ari and Anya will attend Susquehanna Township High School.

Andrea Lieber, President of the Board of Directors, said: "The Silver Academy class of 2014 is wonderfully representative of our community and embodies the educational

excellence that has been the hallmark of our school for 70 years. The graduates come from three different synagogues, across three denominations of Judaism; they have been recognized for a variety of academic achievements in both general and Judaic studies, both locally and nationally; they are actively engaged in youth programs at the JCC, from sports and fitness to drama club to summer camp; they will continue their educational journey at public and private high schools. I so look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of this diverse and inspiring class at graduation on June 12."

The Silver Academy is a Jewish Community Day School whose purpose is to educate Jewish students from pre-school through middle school. The Silver Academy is dedicated to welcoming families from all spectrums of Jewish practice. It is the goal of the school to nurture each child and to develop in each child a love of learning. The Silver Academy strives to combine the best secular and Judaic education possible in a quality program, which develops each child's intellectual capabilities. In a warm environment, rooted in Jewish texts, values, and traditions, our outstanding faculty guides each child's journey in academic, social, and spiritual growth.

The Board of Directors, Administration, Faculty and Students of the Class of 2014 of the cordially invites the Harrisburg community to join them in the graduation celebration on June 12th, followed by a dessert reception.

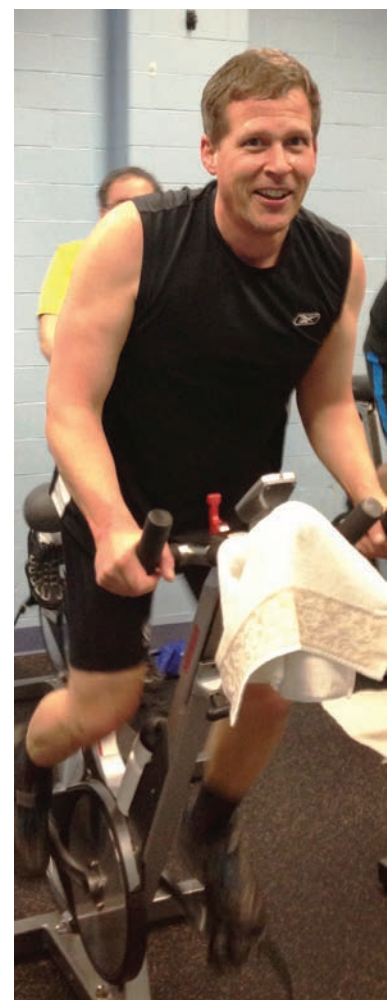
Harrisburg JCC Spin-A-Thon

On Sunday March 30, eighteen motivated people mounted up on the Harrisburg JCC's eighteen spin bikes and participated in a three-hour long spin-a-thon to raise money for research to help find a cure for ovarian cancer. Michele Ruth, Jon Cohen, Gina McDonald and Arthur Kravitz all took turns leading the four forty-five-minute long sessions. There were five minute rest periods for everyone to empty their bladders, refill their water bottles and prepare for the next session. Each of the leaders had their own grueling workout prepared for the group, so none of the sessions were easy.

The group stayed motivated thanks to their determination to succeed and to justify the donations they had collected from their sponsors. They were all motivated by knowing what a worthy cause they were supporting.

Ovarian cancer remains one of the most devastating of cancers. The search for a cure is arduous and ongoing. The spinners were hopeful that each pedal stroke would help bring us closer to finding a cure for this terrible illness. In all, the total dollars raised exceeded \$2,600. Rick and Donna Rosenberg exceeded all others in raising \$560. of that total. The other participants were; Deborah Kravitz, Pam Lupo, Ester Abu, Alan Roumm, Mike Doctrow, Phuong Huynh, Al Bitner, Anna Kanpol, Kristen Lowery, Linda Skulsky, Chip(T-Bone) Brown, Rick and Donna Rosenberg, and John Becker.

We are inspired by the work of these dedicated folks. It is ironic that there were 18 cyclists on 18 bikes; after all 18 is the numeric symbol for "chai" - life.



CHISUK EMUNA TO LAUNCH FORMER PRESIDENT'S FIRST BOOK AT JUNE 23 PIZZA PARTY: CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULTS INVITED TO ATTEND FESTIVITIES



One evening in late June of 2013, Carl Shuman stepped down as President of Chisuk Emuna Congregation. The next morning he woke up at 5 a.m. and started to write and illustrate his first published book, "Saskia, Age 8, Goes to College." The book is a whimsical look at life on a university campus as told through the eyes of an eight year old who gains admission to school by entering a cereal contest. According to Shuman, the

book had been on the drawing board for several years, delayed by his commitment to helping re-build his synagogue, which had been destroyed by a fire in 2009.

"Stan Schneider, my predecessor, and Cory Schneider, former National President of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, warned me that the phone would stop ringing, the emails would stop coming, and that there would be a period of adjustment." So, rather than be depressed, Shuman embarked on his new adventure.

"It was the best medicine," he remarked. "I love to write, I love to draw, and I had a funny story to tell. What's not to enjoy?"

The genesis of the book started when Shuman took his daughter, Saskia, to visit colleges a decade earlier. "I graduated from Haverford in 1978 and although my alma mater has a beautiful campus, there were no climbing walls, Olympic-size pools, or plethora of food choices in the cafeteria. I was blown away by the changes. Visiting these campuses was almost like going to an amusement park." It is no wonder then that when Shuman's fictional Saskia lands in college, there is a Disneyesque quality to her new surroundings, filled with Ferris wheels, clowns, mimes and acrobats.

"I wrote the book to appeal not only to newly independent readers but to parents who enjoy reading to their children," Shuman explained. "I also wrote it for newly minted high school graduates who are often facing their first real test of living away from home. In some ways, we are all eight years old when we face a new challenge like that. I wrapped the story in whimsy but I hope it resonates on a deeper level, too."

Shuman, an employment lawyer at Highmark, also wrote the book to celebrate diversity. The book is filled with characters of different nationalities, faiths, races, abilities, sizes – and even degrees of cleanliness. "I wanted each reader to see himself or herself in one of the characters and to understand that college, at its best, is a great leveler; everyone feels a bit awkward and isolated when he or she embarks on a new journey. That is true whether you are 8 or 80." Shuman noted that the other principal character in the book, Carrie, was his daughter's roommate freshman year, that they seemed to be about as different as two people could be, and that they have remained fast friends since graduation. "That's one of the best things about college – and about life," he remarked.

So why is the book launch taking place at Chisuk Emuna? As Shuman explained, it is his second home and a place that promotes the values he cherishes. "Rabbi Muroff and many friends in the congregation have been very supportive of me and of my family through the years. It just seemed like the natural thing to do."

Shuman intends to read his book and will be holding a short workshop where younger participants will have an opportunity to write and illustrate their own stories. The congregation will be serving pizza and beverages and Shuman will autograph copies of his book. The festivities will take place at Chisuk Emuna's new home on June 23 at 6 p.m. To make sure there is enough pizza on hand, please contact Chisuk Emuna's Administrator, Susan Sussman, at 232- 4851, if you plan to attend. Ten percent of all book sale proceeds are being donated to the congregation.

If you would like to sneak a peak at the book before its official launch, visit Shuman's website at www.roseipaulpress.com.

KI Enjoys Fifth Annual Cohen Family Shabbaton

By Rabbi Akiva Males



Keshet Israel Congregation was proud to welcome as Scholar in Residence Rabbi Yechiel Spero -- Internationally known author, educator, storyteller, and close friend of the Cohen family for the Shabbos of May 9-10.

This was part of the Frances and Dave Cohen Memorial Shabbaton -- A weekend generously sponsored by Dr. Sid and Phyllis Cohen (Cleveland, OH), in memory of their beloved parents - and serving as a call to action for our Jewish community.

Now in its fifth year, this annual Shabbaton was also created to enhance Keshet Israel's appreciation of its members who - like the Cohens - have been outstanding volunteers on behalf of our Shul.

At a special Friday evening Shabbos meal, KI proudly recognized Norman Gras - our long-time volunteer extraordinaire. Our congregation was filled with many of Norman and Cheryl's wonderful out-of-town family members, friends, and members of Harrisburg's Jewish community who joined with KI to express a collective 'Thank You' to Norman for his many years of continuous service to our congregation - and the entire Jewish community of greater Harrisburg.

The Shabbaton picked up even more steam on Shabbos morning when we heard a thoughtful D'var Torah from Dalia Shvartsman upon her becoming a Bat Mitzvah, as well as moving remarks from her proud parents - Ilya and Alla Shvartsman. Everyone then enjoyed a special Kiddush / luncheon honoring the Cohens, and our wonderful Bat Mitzvah - Dalia. This luncheon was generously sponsored by the Shvartsman family, Keshet Israel Congregation, and a group of sponsors in appreciation of Norman Gras.

KI thanks: Dr. Sid and Phyllis Cohen for sponsoring this wonderful Shabbaton, and Gail and Joel Burcat, Rabbi Barry and Sandy Nussbaum, and Layala Males for opening their homes to the Speros and the Cohens for the weekend.



From left – right: Rabbi Yechiel Spero, Dr. Sid Cohen, Phyllis Cohen, Rabbi Akiva Males, and Norman Gras

KI's Rabbi Akiva Males can be reached at rabbimales@yahoo.com



All the News Views & Schmooze Harrisburg Jews Can Use

RAFFLE AT BETH EL TEMPLE Sunday, June 8, 10 a.m.

It's an annual event, an annual tradition, and a major congregational fundraiser. This year's Beth El Temple Raffle takes place on Sunday, June 8 with a Champagne Brunch at 10 a.m. Entertainment and loads of prizes await us!

Congratulations to Nathan Bitner, winner of our Early Bird drawing. Nathan won a Kindle Fire HD 7".

Tickets are on sale at \$100 each. (Guest of a ticket holder may come to brunch for just \$5). Call the Beth El Temple Office (232-0556) or Bob Lieberman (979-1634) to purchase your tickets and make your reservation. Get in on the action—be a part of the Raffle at Beth El Temple!

Many of you continue to not receive Kol Harrisburg and have tried unsuccessfully to reactivate your subscriptions.

We have reached the point in working with Yahoo that they are telling us that each of you will need to contact them individually to figure out how to reactivate your subscriptions given what appears to be several different types of glitches with Yahoo and various emails and Internet Service Providers.

Yahoo says it cannot unilaterally restore all bouncing or faulting emails on its end and needs to work with you individually. Like me, many of you are technically challenge and this may be a difficult thing. Rest assured I am working diligently to find a more reliable replacement service, although this is the first major glitch we've had in 15 years and I would like to retain what we have if we can possibly do that.

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Good luck and feel free to keep me posted of your progress at jewsinharrisburg@yahoogroups.com.

Dr. Ed Beck, Publisher and Editor, Kol Harrisburg.

BETH EL SISTERHOOD HOSTS POT LUCK DINNER

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.

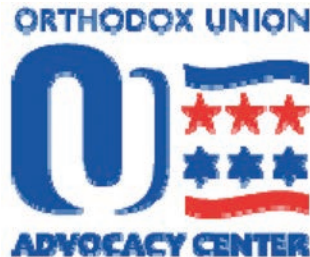
The women of Beth El Temple and any new prospective members to Beth El are cordially invited to a "Summer Social in the Country." On June 11 at 6:30 p.m., our Sisterhood will gather to meet, greet and eat at the home of Bonnie Peisner. It's pot luck, so bring a dairy dish to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one another's company as we wrap up the year and celebrate the coming summer season.

Call the Beth El Temple Office at 232-0556 with your RSVP and for address and directions.

The OU Advocacy Center's Mission to Harrisburg

By Rabbi Akiva Males

While most of us know that the Orthodox Union (OU) is the world's largest and most trusted source for Kosher certification, many are unaware of the important work of the OU Advocacy Center. The OU Advocacy Center is the non-partisan public policy arm of the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish organization, representing nearly 1,000 congregations nationwide, and leads the OU's advocacy efforts in Washington, DC, and state



capitals. (Additionally, KI's own Jesse Hervitz and Arielle Frankston-Morris play key roles in this important branch of the OU.)

I recently met with the regional directors of the OU Advocacy Center and learned of the important work they are engaged in -- right here in Harrisburg. The OU has been hard at work on behalf of PA's innovative EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) program. Over the years, EITC scholarships have provided lifeboats to thousands of families looking to escape failing public schools, as well as to many families struggling to remain in non-public schools. Each of Pennsylvania's Jewish day schools -- including our own Silver Academy -- relies heavily on EITC in meeting its annual budget. If the EITC program were to be cut -- G-d forbid -- the effects on PA's Jewish day schools would be immense.

The OU's Advocacy Center will be leading a Mission to Harrisburg on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. This is an important opportunity to join with the OU and other Jewish day schools from across PA as they meet with our elected officials about EITC and other matters that are important to our communities.

I hope you will join the OU in this important mission (as I have a family commitment that day, I will unfortunately be unable to attend). Please e-mail me at rabbimales@yahoo.com for more information.

May G-d enable the OU Advocacy Center to succeed in their efforts on behalf of our communities.

KI's Rabbi Akiva Males can be reached at rabbimales@yahoo.com

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Minyan 7 a.m. daily and 5:30 p.m.
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 Shabbat morning service 9:15 a.m.
 Saturday night mincha/maariv/havdalah at same time as Friday evening candlelighting time

Saturday, May 31: Bar Mitzvah of Jason Weitzman 9:15 a.m. Parshat Nasso.

Sunday, June 1: Social Action Afternoon of Service with Habitat for Humanity 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3: Tikkun Layl Shavuot with Rabbi Cytryn and visiting scholars. 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Program includes Minchah and Maariv services, a traditional Shavuot dairy dinner, breakout study sessions, and a dessert reception.

Wednesday, June 4 & Thursday, June 5: Shavuot services begin at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 8: Beth El Temple Raffle, 10 a.m. Champagne Brunch, raffle drawing and award of prizes! Tickets on sale now at Beth El Temple office.

Wednesday, June 11: Sisterhood Summer Social at home of Bonnie Peisner, pot luck dairy dinner 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 21: Java 'n Torah 9:00 a.m. Interactive Study before Shabbat morning service. Topic: "Undermining Authority: It's Not Just an American Thing: The Torah and the Rabbis."

Sunday, June 22: BBQ at home of Rachel and Assaf Zilbering. 4:00 p.m. Bring the kids!

Friday, June 27: Joint Kabbalat Shabbat summer services with Temple Ohev

Sholom. Temple Ohev Sholom hosts through July 25, Rabbi Peter Kessler officiating; Beth El Temple hosts August 1 through August 29, Rabbi Eric Cytryn officiating. Hors d'oeuvres 5:45 p.m. followed by services at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Weekly Minyan times:
 Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.
 Monday, Thursday mornings, 6:50 a.m.
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 7 a.m.
 Sunday through Thursday evenings, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 1, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm: The Women of Chisuk Emuna presents A Morning of Jewish Learning featuring a light breakfast, presentation and discussion of The Book of Ruth.

Friday, June 6, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat service

Saturday, June 7, 9:15 am: Shabbat morning services. Mincha, Maariv and Torah study, 8:15 pm

Sunday, June 8, 4:00 – 5:00 pm: Donor Recognition

Celebration to honor all who contributed to the success of Chisuk Emuna's capital campaign: The Fire Within Us

Friday, June 13, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat service

Saturday, June 14, 9:15 am: Shabbat morning service. Mincha, Maariv and Torah study at 8:20 pm

Friday, June 20, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat service, including the participation of William Babitts in celebration of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, June 21, 9:15 am: Shabbat Services; Bar Mitzvah celebration of William Babitts. Mincha, Maariv and Torah study, 8:20 pm

Friday, June 27, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat service

Saturday, June 28, 9:15 am: Shabbat morning service, including the participation of Abby Krevsky in celebration of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mincha, Maariv and Torah study at 8:25 pm
 Sunday, June 29, 8:30 am: Bat Mitzvah of Abby Krevsky

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Temple Beth Shalom's Friday evening Shabbat Services are at 7:15 p.m, followed by an oneg in the social hall. Temple Beth Shalom bids farewell to Rabbi Jordi Gendra, after eight years of service. Rabbi Jordi's last day at TBS will be on Saturday, May 24.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPLE OHEV SHOLOM
 233-6459 | www.ohevsholom.org

Friday, June 6: Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, June 13: Shabbat Service, 6:00 pm, Lehrman Chapel

Friday, June 20: Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 21: Tot Shabbat, 10:30 am, Lehrman Chapel

Friday, June 27: Shabbat Service, 6:00 pm, Lehrman Chapel

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TUESDAY, JUNE 10
 Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC, Program: "The Jewish Perspective" with Bob Axelrod

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LEON LOCK

Beth El Temple member Leon Lock of Mechanicsburg passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. Leon was born on August 2, 1924 and was 89. He was predeceased by his wife, Doris Tobey Lock. Mr. Lock owned the former Chelsea Auto Parts Company in Harrisburg. Surviving are his sister Barbara Lock of Harrisburg; brother Charles Lock of Wyomissing, PA; sons Andrew Lock of California and Jason Lock of Mechanicsburg; daughter Laura Tobey (Herbie) Wallace of Florida; two grandchildren Samuel Lock and Chelsea Lock; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 18th in the Beth El Temple Cemetery Chapel with Rabbi Eric Cytryn officiating. Interment followed at the Beth El Temple Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Beth El Temple, 2637 North Front Street, Harrisburg, 17110 or the Humane Society of Harrisburg, 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

HOWARD M. MAISEL

Howard M. Maisel, of New York and Sag Harbor, born June 11, 1931, passed peacefully from this world on May 8, 2014 at his home in Manhattan. He had battled pancreatic cancer for nearly a year. He leaves behind his wife Eve France; his children Miriam Maisel, David Maisel and Jennifer Maisel; his brother Jay Maisel; his granddaughters Jessie Fontana-Maisel and Julia Maisel-Berick; and his daughter-in-law Lynn Fontana and son-in-law Michael Berick. In addition, he leaves behind his step-children Kim France, Michael and Shirim France, Todd and Shanna France; and grandchildren Eli, Henry, and Abe; and many nephews, nieces and dear friends who hold him in their hearts. He joins in death his first wife, Joan Epstein Maisel, and his parents Milton Maisel and Rose Schiffman Maisel. A graduate of Cornell University, Howard became President of Columbia Cement Incorporated; he was an executive for British Petroleum in London. He also served on the boards of Temple Adas Israel and Children's Rights. An avid

reader and champion of the arts, Howard never stopped learning. A memorial service in celebration of Howard's life was held on Monday, May 12 12th at Frank E. Campbell Funeral Chapel, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Good Shepherd Services goodshepherds.org and the NPCF pancreaticcancerfoundation.com.

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