

## A Parent's Reflections ... and Gratitude

Friday's graduation marked the end of our being parents with children in ECD for a majority of the past 10 years. It has been a pleasure sending our children to the ECD program, and I thank Angie and her excellent staff for everything they do.

For all three of our kids, as I am sure is the case with most parents, the first time dropping off a child for nursery school was always anxiety-ridden and filled with uncertainties. Even at two years of age, when we first enrolled our children at ECD, there is always the unknown of how a particular child will handle the new surroundings and schedule associated with pre-school, instead of being home with mommy. Yet, I always had a great level of comfort and reassurance knowing that the teachers at ECD were of such high quality and cared so much for my child, as they do every child, and that the program so well run, that it made those first few days, and the remainder of their time there, such a great experience.

Thank you to JFGH and the ECD, but especially Angie and the teachers, for taking care of my children and helping them to develop a great foundation for entering kindergarten and, in some ways, the rest of their life.

~ Joel (and Mandy) Cheskis ~



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## A Message from Margie Adelman, CEO Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg

About a year ago, I was preparing to start working in my new position as Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg. I had the benefit of several months of interviews, numerous conversations with the Search Committee, as well as research that I had done to start this next chapter in my life. I am always a glass-half-full person, so when I arrived at the JCC on July 15th for my first day of work, I enthusiastically began what has been an incredible year. A year of learning, a year of questioning, a year of listening, a year of challenging, a year of meetings, a year of events and programs, a year of very hard work.

I have met some of the most incredible people during the past year; people who have kindly welcomed this "new kid" on the block; people who have shared their stories, their hopes and their dreams with me. I have had conversations that troubled me and conversations that encouraged me. I have told people, a good day is two steps forward and one step back. I have shared that I felt like I was turning around a cruise ship. I've made good decisions and I've made not-so-good decisions! In the spring, I listened to Dr. Nancy Roseman, the new President of Dickinson College, who spoke at our Women's Philanthropy Luncheon. Dr. Roseman coincidentally started a year ago in July and is the first woman President at Dickinson. I listened intently to her remarks and her experiences in her first year. She said, "If you do please everyone, you are not making progress." I thought about that because it's my nature to want to make everyone happy! But I know that she is right! And I'd like to believe we are making progress.

So now I am looking ahead to year two, and my glass is fuller, my knowledge is greater, my experiences are richer, and I am very optimistic. I am stronger because I am surrounded by hardworking, caring and dedicated staff members who have demonstrated to me again and again that they are ready to add more to very full plates, by volunteer leadership who care deeply about this community and give generously of their time, talent and treasury, and by a Jewish community that calls Harrisburg home. Thank you for your confidence in me and for giving me this tremendous opportunity to lead the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg. Hold onto your hats! This coming year is going to be incredible!

B'Shalom,



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Cover designs should be original artwork, photographs, etc. All submissions can be sent to Patti Bromley at p.bromley@jewishfedhbg.org. A committee will determine the winning cover. Deadline for submissions is July 11, 2014.

The contest winner will not only receive recognition in the *Shalom Neighbor Directory*— and in the *Community Review*— they will also enjoy the pride of having their creation displayed on our community's widely-used directory for the next year.

Good luck to all!



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# Green Hills Swim Club Improvements Continue



- Minor repairs were made to the plumbing at Green Hills Swim Club
- The cabins' exteriors were weatherproofed
- The Hilton building and Snack Bar had a thorough cleaning
- The Pavilion was power-washed
- The lawns are green and lush and are being regularly maintained

It truly is a beautiful place to spend a leisurely afternoon. So come on up and see what you've been missing!

In an effort to make the Federation's Greens Hills Swim Club the best place around for our Campers and for our families to enjoy a relaxing, fun summer, the Federation staff has been hard at work helping to make the following improvements:

- The new outdoor game for summer camp is almost complete.
- The entire swimming pool lane-line tiles have been replaced and grouted. Repairs were made to several feet of the water line tile at the swimming pool
- The Green Hills pool has been drained and cleaned.
- The pool is now filled and is ready for the summer season.

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## GERMAN GHETTO PENSION PROGRAM (ZRBG) LAW CHANGES BENEFITS HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

On June 5, 2014 Germany's Parliament unanimously passed legislation approving back payments of social security pensions (ZRBG) to allow recipients to receive payment retroactive to 1997.

Under the new amendment, all people qualifying for the pension can have their pensions reassessed with a new start date of 1997. Previously, most pensioners have only been able to receive payments dating back four years prior to the approval of their claims.

How is this going to be handled by Germany and how will this affect Holocaust survivors who currently receive a ZRBG pension? Recipients will receive a letter from the German Social Security authorities giving them the option to receive the back payment in a lump sum and receive smaller monthly payments afterwards, or to continue receiving the current higher monthly amount but with no back payment. It is expected that the letters, in the recipient's language, will state the amount of the lump-sum payment they are entitled to as well as the new monthly pension payment (the amount is based on the age of the recipient). The survivor will have the choice of taking this option or declining the option and continue with their present pension payments. Each survivor will have to decide which option is in their best interest.

We are still waiting for information regarding heirs where the survivor was receiving a pension and has since passed away. We will keep you informed as we receive information.

If this new legislation affects you, it may very well be the case that the paperwork involved is minimal. You may have seen advertisements or received letters from attorneys for help in filing for a Ghetto Reassessment. If you decide to contract with an attorney, please make sure that you understand the agreement and the associated fees.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Bazelon at JFS, 233-1681.

## JCC Senior Adult Classes

Classes available at the Jewish Community Center:

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The Jewish Community Center is offering the following senior events:

Every Tuesday at 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. SilverSneakers Classic  
10:15AM – Discussion Group  
Every Thursday at 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. – SilverSneakers Classic

Senior Lunch will be served Tuesdays and Thursdays at Noon.

Reservations are preferred two days in advance if possible, but no later than 4:00PM the day before. Call Cheryl 236-9555 EXT. 3115

After-Lunch Programs are:

June 26, 2014 – John Maietta will lecture on “the Great American Diner”

AARP Safe Driving Refresher Course-12:30-4:30pm. Must be registered to take this course. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for Non-Members

July 1, 2014 – 4th of July Celebration. Hot dogs, Hamburgers and the music of Brad & Mary Barrows.

July 3, 2014 – Movie Day – “Fly Away Home” with Jeff Daniels and Ann Paquin. The soaring adventure of a 13 year old girl and her estranged father, who learn what family is all about when they adopt an orphaned flock of geese and teach them to fly! Length of film: 1 hour 48 minutes

July 8, 2014 - Discussion group at 10:30am with moderator Bruce Bayuk. After Lunch Business meeting and Birthday Party. FREE Blood Pressure screening by Celleste of Bayada Nurses.

July 10, 2014 – Bingo

July 15, 2014 -The Jewish Perspective – Bob Axelrod, Educational Director at Beth El Temple

July 16, 2014 – Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills – “Better With a Band” musical.

July 17, 2014 - Al Goodman’s “Name That Tune”

July 22, 2014 – A very special program: Chamber Music by Dr. Truman Bullard, Professor Emeritus of music at Dickinson College in Carlisle. Along with Dr. Bullard who plays the bassoon, will be Beth Bullard, flute, Marsha Burkett, oboe and Ella Forsyth, clarinet. They will play classical and semi-classical music.

July 24, 2014 –The “Millionaire Game”

July 29, 2014 – John Maietta will return for a lecture on “The ‘Big Dig’ Turns 100: The Story of the Panama Canal” – August 15 marks the hundredth anniversary of the official opening of the Panama Canal. Earlier Spanish and French attempts to link the Atlantic and Pacific failed, but American gumption, know-how, and “gunboat diplomacy” brought enduring success. This program highlights the colorful leaders and heroic efforts that created one of the seven acknowledged wonders of the modern world.

July 31, 2014 – “Q and A on your computer questions” with Howard Ross. Howard, who has helped many of us in the senior club with our computers, will answer your questions on things that have you stumped! Bring your list of questions and have them answered.

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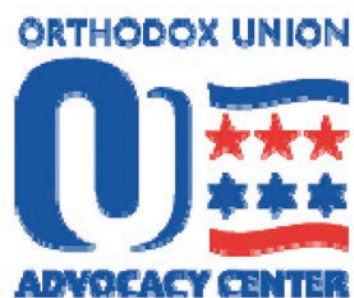
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# OU Advocacy-PA Brings Delegation of 300 to Harrisburg to Advocate for EITC, OSTC and Other Key Funding for PA Jewish Day Schools



Walking through the halls of the Pennsylvania statehouse on Wednesday, June 11th, 300 members of Pennsylvania's Jewish community, including 200 high school students, conveyed to legislators how indispensable the Commonwealth's tax credit programs and the security legislation are for Jewish day schools. The advocacy mission to Harrisburg was organized by the Pennsylvania team of OU Advocacy, the Orthodox Union's non-partisan public policy arm.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit program and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit program provide millions of dollars each year in scholarships for low- and middle-income families across Pennsylvania. For some Jewish day schools, this funding is a lifeline—with as much as 40 percent of their students receiving scholarships through the EITC and OSTC programs. Pennsylvania's Safe School Legislation provides funding for school security funding and is the first legislation of its kind to allow schools to use the funding for security personnel. With a budget deficit of more than \$1 billion, however, every line item in Pennsylvania's budget is at risk of being cut. The Commonwealth's budget will be approved at the end of the month.

OU Advocacy brought representatives from Jewish communities throughout the state, including Philadelphia, Scranton, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, to the statehouse. The high school students were from Kohelet Yeshiva High School and Kosloff Torah Academy, both located in the Philadelphia area. In addition, participating parents and school administrators represented a wide cross-section of other Jewish day schools, including the Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia, Jack M. Barrack High School (Greater Philadelphia), Perelman Jewish Day School (Greater Philadelphia), The Silver Academy

of Harrisburg, Abrams Hebrew Academy (Greater Philadelphia), Politz Hebrew Academy (Philadelphia), Philadelphia Yeshiva, Scranton Yeshiva, Scranton Hebrew Day School, Bnos Yisroel Girls High School of Scranton, and Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh.

Organized into small groups to meet with legislators from their districts, 56 meetings were held during the course of the day. State Senator Rob Teplitz, who is a graduate of Silver Academy, noted how important the presence and advocacy of the group is to the budget process. "What

you're doing today will help make the fight [for EITC] successful and is critical to making sure the EITC program comes out of the budget process," he said.

"While the EITC is vulnerable, it is a lifeline for many schools," said State Senator Anthony Williams said, adding that the advocacy efforts of the group will be felt well beyond the Jewish community. Referring to the recent spate of shootings, Sen. Williams also spoke about the importance of the school safety legislation. "Educating our

children without fear or intimidation of who they are is what America is supposed to be about," he said.

Acting Secretary of Education Carolyn Dumaresq also addressed the group. "Pennsylvania has a rich history of choice in its educational opportunities, but we must provide funding for those opportunities," she said, noting that, in addition to the EITC and OSTC programs and the security legislation, Pennsylvania also provides funding for textbooks and for psychological services. She encouraged the group to advocate for all of these programs with their legislators. "While this is a tough budget year, let's hold onto what we have," she said.

"This advocacy day is the beginning of your activism," said Karen Barall, OU Advocacy's Mid-Atlantic Director. "We must continue meeting with legislators and talking about the needs of the Jewish community—their constituents," she said. Maury Litwack, director of OU Advocacy's state political affairs, reiterated the legislators' comments about the significance of the group's advocacy. "In every state where we advocate, the big takeaway we get from elected officials is that they need our voices. You have the opportunity now to make a difference and to encourage others to help make a difference for Jewish day schools," he said.

To learn more about the important work of the OU Advocacy Center, please visit: <http://advocacy.ou.org>.



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### TUESDAY, JULY 1

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC,  
Program: Fourth of July celebration,  
Music by Brad & Mary Barrows

### THURSDAY, JULY 3

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC,  
Program: Movie Day: "Fly Away Home"

### FRIDAY, JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Fitness Center Open 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Pool Open 7 a.m. - Noon

**BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED**

### TUESDAY, JULY 8

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC,  
Program: Business meeting/birthday party;  
Free Blood-pressure screening

### THURSDAY, JULY 10

Senior Lunch Program, 10 a.m., JCC,  
Program: Bingo

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June 27 ..... 8:23 p.m.  
July 4 ..... 8:22 p.m.  
July 11 ..... 8:19 p.m.

## MCNEES REPRESENTS TRIPLE CROWN HOPEFUL

HARRISBURG, PA - When local McNeess Wallace & Nurick attorney Mike Doctrow decided to focus his practice in the areas of trademark, copyright and advertising law, he never guessed the interesting places it might take him. Three weeks ago he was in Hong Kong meeting with his foreign trademark counsel, two weeks ago he spoke to Chinese attorneys in Beijing regarding U.S. trademark and copyright laws, and next week he's going to Belmont Stakes in New York. For the eleventh year, his legal efforts have led to the representation of a potential Triple Crown hopeful. This year he and his firm are representing the owners of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winning thoroughbred, California Chrome.



Doctrow, who chairs the firm's Intellectual Property practice, is representing the Triple Crown hopeful in trademark, licensing and endorsement issues. This work started for Doctrow in 2004, when he represented the Chapmans, the owners of SMARTY JONES, in his run for the Triple Crown. At the time, SMARTY JONES broke records for merchandise sales for a Triple Crown favorite, with proceeds of merchandise licensing going to charity.

Over the last decade, Doctrow has continued to represent owners of Triple Crown hopefuls. Most notably, he represented the Jacksons, the owners of BARBARO, in his ill-fated march to the Triple Crown. Again, record sums were raised for charity from BARBARO merchandise sales and promotions.

During the run, the McNeess attorney has worked on numerous merchandise licenses, for items ranging from hats and clothing, to glassware and gift items, on endorsement deals with the likes of UPS, and on book and movie deals.

"While my practice mostly focuses on representing major corporations on trademark, copyright, licensing and advertising matters, I welcome the annual opportunity to play a small part in thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown," Doctrow said.

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**ETTA ROETENBERG**

Etta Roetenberg, 86, of Harrisburg, passed away on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at Harrisburg Hospital. She was born in Clarion on May 28, 1928, a daughter to the late Hyman and Lena (Hurwitz) Miller. Etta is survived by her children, Aaron Roetenberg of York, George Roetenberg and his wife Michelle of Bucks Co., PA, and Janice Roetenberg of Denver, CO; and her brother Bernard Miller of Philadelphia. Funeral services and burial took place on Friday, June 6th at Chisuk Emuna Cemetery Chapel, with Rabbi Ron Muroff officiating. Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

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 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.  
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 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  
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