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Tuesday, November 3, 2009

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NEW FACILITATOR TO JOIN CJC

Beginning this month, Rich Kaplan is the new CJC meeting facilitator, replacing Susan Fine. Rich brings a strong background to the facilitator's position, including 28 years as a chemical engineer at Amoco Corporation (where he attended many meetings) and as a creativity consultant (he was Adjunct Professor of Creative Problem

Solving at Lehigh University.) He's a longtime member of Congregation Am Echad, and is looking forward to working with CJC committee members on coordinating and planning for the South Suburban Jewish Community.



ETHICS: THEME FOR FALL PROGRAMS AT AM ECHAD

Congregation Am Echad will have a Shabbat/weekend retreat Friday, Nov. 6, to Sunday, morning, Nov. 8, at the Daniel Soref Retreat Center outside Milwaukee. The 90-acre park-like setting provides a beautiful ambiance for meaningful worship services, enjoyable activities and thought-provoking discussions facilitated by Rabbi Podwol. Ethical dilemmas will be presented for the group to reflect upon and analyze. Various alternatives will be discussed in an effort to understand how our values and priorities affect our ethical decisions. There will be ample free time to enjoy the natural setting of the center. Joyous singing and Shabbat fellowship will permeate the atmosphere.

The Jewish ethical teaching that "all Jews are responsible for one another" is the backdrop for the presentation by Rabbi Jonathan Porath, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Scholar in Residence, which will take

place at Congregation Am Echad at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19. B'nai Yehuda Beth Shalom is co-sponsoring this event with Am Echad. Rabbi Porath has experienced firsthand, and has been at the forefront of, some of the greatest Jewish causes and issues of the past 40 years. He has worked for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. He first traveled to the Soviet Union in 1965 and recently marked his 175th visit to the Jews of Russia. He co-founded Hillel in the former Soviet Union, as well as Sefer, The Moscow Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, the umbrella framework for Academic Judaica in the post-Soviet Union. He also established a Jerusalem-based organization for helping new immigrants in Israel.

His topic will be "A Lifetime with Russian Jewry: A Personal Story from the Soviet Rule until Today." There is no charge for the program, and the entire community is invited. For more information, contact Am Echad at (708) 748-5722.



Andi Kaplan, Community Nurse from CJE SeniorLife, will present "Be Good to Yourself: Understanding and Reading Food Labels," at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Shalom Over 50's Club at the Anita M. Stone JCC, 3400 W. 196th St., Flossmoor.

CJE SENIORLIFE PRESENTS

Have you ever been confused by food labels when comparing products at the grocery store? Learn how to use food label information effectively to make quick and informed choices that contribute to a healthy diet.

Questions? Contact Esther Craven at (773) 508-1089.

Hillel taught us: "*Al tifrosh min hatzibur* – Do not separate yourself from the community." It is interesting to me that over two thousand years ago, Rabbi Hillel felt the need to utter this instruction to the people around him. Obviously, some people were separating themselves – otherwise he would not have bothered to tell them not to do so! What does this teach us about Jews and the nature of community? First, as we all know, we can be "a stiff-necked people." There are always those who will defy whatever the authorities tell them to do, and will stubbornly shirk their responsibility. Second, we learn that being part of "the community" has been a Jewish value for millennia. Since Hillel did not indicate that his instruction was only for his day, we can assume that it applies to us, today, as well.

So what does it mean for us as 21st Century Jews to be part of the community? Clearly it includes joining communal institutions like synagogues, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish and Zionist organizations, and the like. But being dues-paying, card-carrying members, while important and necessary, is not quite enough. Most Jewish communal organizations, although they may have staff employed to administer their programs, are really run by volunteers. Successful organizations have many members who feel that the success depends upon them and their efforts.

Being an integral part of the Jewish community means subscribing to the mission of the Jewish people. "Mission" is an old-fashioned

word, mostly out of favor with Jews these days. But I believe that as Jews, we do have a mission, and it is two-fold: 1. to repair the world; and 2. to be a light to the nations.

We have often heard the term *tikkun olam* – repairing the world – associated with social justice and environmental action. It certainly includes those things, but can also include greater spiritual awareness and ritual observance. Being "a light to the nations" is a biblical injunction to the people of Israel: that our actions should be exemplary and cause all nations to respect and honor the God of Israel through the behavior of God's people. Exemplary action is certainly not limited to what we do in the context of the Jewish community. Indeed, many Gentiles learn about Jews and Judaism through their contact with Jews in the workplace, school, and neighborhood. What we hope they see is Jewish people acting with honesty, civility and dignity. We hope they see that Jews belong to a strong community that takes care of its own members and also cares about the world outside that community.

"*Al tifrosh min hatzibur* – Do not separate yourself from the community." Make an effort in your own life to make the world better, to exemplify Jewish values, and to keep your community strong and vibrant.



GET YOUR LINKEDIN NETWORK TO NETWORK FOR YOU

Whether you are searching for a job or trying to strengthen your professional network, the business-oriented social media website LinkedIn.com is a great tool – if you know how to use it effectively.

Come learn the best ways to connect on Monday, Nov. 16, when JVS' Jewish Employment Network hosts South Suburban native Lauren Brill, an online sales and marketing manager who oversees traditional and interactive social marketing. She's also used LinkedIn.com for a job search and has been teaching others to do it ever since. Lauren will explain how to create a profile that gets you

noticed, making connections, using groups to expand your network, and much more.

This free program and networking opportunity is at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Stone building, 3400 W. 196th St. in Flossmoor. Please RSVP to (312) 673-3437, or email jvsjen@jvschicago.com.

By the way, Jewish Vocational Service Chicago is now on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter. Join us! And visit our new website, ParnossahWorksChicago.org.

COME SEE WHAT YOU'RE MISSING

When it comes to Jewish, there's a lot going on in the South Suburbs – more than most folks know. Now you've got a chance to discover all you can do and all the services available right here in our own backyard.

Join us for a festive Open House highlighting the many programs and activities offered by the JCC, Federation, Jewish Child and Family Services, Jewish Vocational Service and more.

It's free. It's fun. And, of course, there will be refreshments. It's from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Anita M. Stone JCC building. No reservations required. But if you have questions, give Alene a call at (708) 798-1884. See you there.

2009-2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER-JANUARY

November

- 1 Community Open House at Anita M. Stone JCC, 2-5 p.m.
- 6-8 Congregation Am Echad Retreat at the Daniel Soref Retreat Center
- 6 Temple Anshe Sholom Veterans Dinner and Services, 6 p.m.
- 8 Zahava-Deborah Lox Box Sale
Joliet Jewish Congregation, Right to Life Seminar with Rabbi Rubovits, 10:15 a.m.
- 13 B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom Family Shabbat Service commemorating Kristallnacht, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 JVS Jewish Employment Network LinkedIn.com Seminar at Stone JCC, 7 p.m.
- 18 Zahava-Deborah Hadassah Education Program, Idlewild Country Club, 1 p.m.
- 19 Congregation Am Echad and B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom Scholar-in-Residence Program at Congregation Am Echad, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 **Thanksgiving**

December

- 1 CJE SeniorLife program, "Be Good to Yourself: Understanding and Reading Food Labels," at Shalom Over 50's Club at Anita M. Stone JCC, 1 p.m.
- 6 Cantor's Concert, Temple Anshe Sholom, 4 p.m.
- 11 **Erev Chanukah, First Candle**
- 12-19 **Chanukah**
- 19 Zahava-Deborah Hadassah Annual Oneg Shabbat, 1p.m., location tbd

January

- 1 **New Year's Day**
- 23 Joliet Jewish Congregation, Game Night, 6 p.m.
- 30 **Tu B'Shevat**

For more information on the above events, call Alene Rutzky at 708-798-1884.

THE GARFIELD PLAYGROUND: NCJW PUTS A REAL FACE ON A DREAM

Cynthia Maddox from the National Council of Jewish Women, South Cook Section, reports that efforts to completely replace the playground at Garfield Elementary School in Chicago Heights have been accomplished and the new playground was to be "officially" dedicated in September.

NCJW members volunteer their time tutoring, reading to the children at Garfield and teaching them about great works of art. NCJW adopted the school about five years ago after receiving many grant applications from teachers in the NCJW Mini Grant services program. It was obvious this school had a dedicated, caring teaching staff who sought ways to improve the classroom experience. With the positive attitude of the staff, it is not surprising that NCJW volunteer participation has increased each year.

About 18 months ago, the school principal, Josie Rodriguez, shared with Cynthia her greatest dream: to have a safe and up-to-date playground for the children. The old playground was made of wood and was falling apart. It had been off-limits to the children for years. All of this changed when NCJW received a challenge grant from the Great Lakes Bank Foundation. The Section committed seed funding, and a fundraising drive (both at the school and from residents in the community) brought forth the dollars to acquire the

materials for the playground. The mayor of Chicago Heights, Alex Lopez, and the staff of the Chicago Heights Park District donated expertise in demolition and assembly of the new structure. The principal also drafted students from the 8th grade to work on the project, sometimes even on weekends.

The playground has three winding slides, a climbing wall, loops for the children to swing on, and stairs and platforms. It is purple, golden yellow and white, the school colors of Garfield. There were student workers and laborers working on the playground every day for the past two months.

"This was truly a coming together of the bank, NCJW and the city of Chicago Heights," Cynthia said. No less than any of these contributors, though, was the drive and hard work of Principal Rodriguez and her husband, Assistant Principal Guillermo Rodriguez. They never took their eyes off the goal and that is why the playground was up and ready for the children when they started school this fall.

NCJW was proud to be a key part of this project, which is a unique expression of NCJW's values of improving the lives of women, children and families. The Garfield volunteers and the Rodriguezes were honored at NCJW's fall opening luncheon Sept. 16.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SCHOOL YEAR - VOLUNTEER!

Back-to-school time is here! Take some time out of your busy schedule to make a difference in the life of a child.

during the school day. Participants in the South Suburbs are needed to tutor at Greenbriar School in Chicago Heights.

For more information or to sign up to be a tutor this year, please contact Rachel Friedman at (312) 357-4762, email tov@juf.org, or visit our website, www.juf.org/tov/literacy.aspx.



JUF ISRAEL EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Help! I'm almost 26 and I haven't used my SKIP funds!

If you are nearing the end of SKIP eligibility, don't panic! We can help you find the best way to make use of your SKIP funds. There are many wonderful programs for young adults, ranging from 10 days to a full year, whether or not you have participated in Birthright Israel. More information is available at http://www.juf.org/israel_experience.

school Israel Experience program - is right around the corner. Help make an Israel Experience more affordable by enrolling your child today in the Gift of Israel program. Find out more at http://www.juf.org/israel_experience/gift.aspx.

Israel Experience Scholarship Applications Due Nov. 1

High school students, college students and young adults planning to travel to Israel this winter or next spring may be eligible for the Jewish Federation's financial-need scholarships. For more information, go to http://www.juf.org/israel_experience.

Is an Israel Experience in your child's future? Give the Gift of Israel! If your child is of bar/bat mitzvah age, high school - and a high



FALL PROGRAMS AT THE JCC

With autumn here, there are many opportunities to participate in programs for all ages at the Anita M. Stone JCC.

For parents/caregivers and children ages birth through 5 years, the Stone JCC Play Village offers opportunities for indoor play and socializing as the weather becomes cooler. Children, accompanied by their parents, can visit the library, shop in the grocery store, serve up beverages in the "Stone Bucks" cafe, create masterpieces in the art corner, or take part in one of the many other fun large-and small-motor activities.

The JCC is offering "Mom and Tot" classes for parents and children ages birth to 2 years. Visit us online at www.gojcc.org for more information and for class schedules. Families registered for any of these parent/toddler classes will be able to attend the Play Village at no extra charge.

Programs for school-age children this fall include Me and My Dad, monthly holiday workshops, and after-school sports opportunities. For more information, visit our website, or call the Center at (708)794-1021.



BYBS FALL ACTIVITIES

The High Holy days and the start of school keep synagogues busy in September and October, and B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom is no exception.

We are always happy to welcome people back from their summer activities, and begin the new year with learning and communal worship. BYBS is looking forward to welcoming the entire South Suburban community for a Community Shabbat on Friday, Oct. 30. A catered dinner will begin the evening at 6:30, with Shabbat services following at 8, led by the rabbis and cantors of the region. Watch your organizational bulletin for details and dinner reservation information.

Several of our leaders will participate in the biennial conventions of the Union for Reform Judaism and of the Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) in Toronto in early November. This gathering of nearly 5,000 Reform Jews from across North America is a great way for congregational leaders to learn practical ideas for synagogue management, fundraising, and member involvement, as well as Torah learning and a wonderful Shabbat celebration. As president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (the organization of nearly 2,000 Reform rabbis), Rabbi Ellen W. Dreyfus will have a public role in the biennial program.

IS SOMETHING BUGGING YOU?

Brilliant and funny, Prof. May R. Berenbaum, Chairman of the Department of Entomology at the University of Illinois, will set you straight at National Council of Jewish

Once again this fall, The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.) will meet on Fridays for eight weeks on the campus of Governors State University. Adults of all ages are invited to join these intellectually stimulating courses. Fall offerings include 8 Countries/8 Weeks II (a film series); 21st Century Library; Geography of the 21st Century; Socrates Café; Topics in Science; and Public Policy 2009.

Join us for Movie Mondays, a Jewish-themed film and facilitated discussion, twice a month in the afternoon and evening at the J.

Suzanne Patterson, our popular film facilitator, has an exciting lineup of new films to screen and discuss this fall.

New this fall, Shalom Over 50 will meet on Tuesdays at the JCC. Adults over 50 are invited to join us from 11a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a delicious lunch, a program and the opportunity to socialize with old friends and new.

Grandparents Circles forming this fall! The Grandparents Circle is a free, comprehensive program that offers grandparents of children in interfaith marriages the skills and techniques to nurture, and in some cases help establish, their grandchildren's Jewish identities. For more information, call the Center at (708) 794-1021.

Our annual observance of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass," will take place Friday, Nov. 13, at our 7:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service. Commemorating the events of Nov. 9, 1938, when the Nazis burned synagogues, looted Jewish business and homes, and arrested and attacked Jews in Germany and Austria, Kristallnacht has been observed by our congregation for decades. For many years, we have scheduled this service when the younger generation could be present, to hear the stories and learn about this difficult part of our people's history. The community is welcome to attend.

As the season progresses, we look forward to the annual Havdalah program led by our school children on Saturday, Dec. 5. After a learning activity, the students and their parents gather for a beautiful Havdalah service, bidding a fond farewell to Shabbat and welcoming the new week. Following the service, there will be a spaghetti dinner and the "famous" dessert auction, in which junior high students auction off home-baked goodies for a good cause, and many share their purchases for instant delicious gratification. All are welcome. Contact the temple office (708-799-4110 or office@bybs.org) for information and reservations.

Women's (NCJW) Fall Program, Oct. 28.

Save the date for a fascinating evening!

Contact Lynn Lazarus for further information at (708) 206-1356 •



B'NAI BRITH

B'nai B'rith Chai Unit is fully committed to B'nai B'rith's mission of Tikkun Olam. We are strong and active supporters of the Anti-Defamation League; we offer comfort to sick children through support of the B'nai B'rith Buddy Bear program at local hospitals; our members assist the homeless by volunteering at Pads; and Chai Unit delivers food to needy families at Rosh Hashanah and Passover through Maot Chitim.

We participate in community programs through the Cooperative Jewish Council (CJC), JUF Israel Solidarity Day, and senior citizen programs in partnership with Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Chai Unit has been part of the South Suburbs for more than 30 years. We have been recognized as Unit of The Year by B'nai B'rith Midwest Region numerous times. For membership information, please contact Mike Lowenstein at (708) 747-5343.



HADASSAH FALL 2009

Hadassah's fall activities started with an opening luncheon at Idlewild Country Club on Tuesday, Sept. 29, with featured soprano, Heather Braodakis.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, Hadassah sponsored a Youth Services ice cream social at a private home. The featured speaker was Leah Reicin, Past President of the Hadassah Chicago Chapter and Past Vice-President of Hadassah National Youth Aliyah. Youth Services supports Young Judea, an organization that provides American teenagers with Israeli programs, camp experiences, and after-school activities, in addition to other programs, including Youth Aliyah and "Children at Risk," which gives disadvantaged Israeli and immigrant youngsters a better chance to succeed in life.

Dessert and coffee will be provided at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, when Hadassah sponsors an education program at Idlewild Country Club. Joy Kingsolver, archivist of Chicago Jewish History, will speak

on "Taking Care of Our Own," delving into the early charitable organizations in Chicago, such as Michael Reese Hospital and the Mark Nathan Home.

Our annual Oneg Shabbat will take place on Dec. 19, program and location to be determined.

Proceeds from all programs and fund-raising activities – such as directory ads, lox boxes, deli lunches, Hadassah greeting cards, and the Youth Services function – support the Hadassah Medical Organization's basic and applied research programs. The latest breakthrough is a revolutionary technique that saves lives of victims of potentially fatal strokes – with no permanent loss of brain function. This technique uses a corkscrew-shaped device called the "Mercy Clot Retriever."

For more information on Hadassah activities, please contact Bea Kamen at (708) 799-5491.

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION HONORS TWO OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

On June 28, Joliet Jewish Congregation honored two outstanding individuals: Mrs. Morris (Goldie) Hershman and Mr. William (Bill) Lipsey.

Mrs. Hershman has made significant contributions throughout her life. She has taught hundreds of children, and worked with her late husband, Rabbi Morris Hershman z"l, in a shared commitment to the entire Joliet community. Her outstanding record of leadership, service and support includes having been an active member of Silver Cross Celebrity Spotlight, Community Trustee of Silver Cross Hospital. She has held various positions in the Visitation and Aid Society, Congregation Sisterhood, Hadassah, Joliet Education Association and Women of the Rotary. Her interest in people, concern for the less fortunate, joy in teaching, and deep, abiding faith have been an inspiration to others. She was recognized by Lewis University with its De La Salle Award in 2007.

Mr. Lipsey was in charge of two units at the Elwood Ordinance Plant, and served as a member of the 115th Bomb Disposal Squad, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Following honorable discharge, he and his brother and an uncle opened F&L Ranch on the

corner of Jefferson and Reed Streets, serving food and drink. In 1952, he sold his interest in F&L and built the first shopping center in Joliet, The West Side Shopping Center. A member of the Exchange Club for more than 55 years, he served as its president in 1954. The club was instrumental in building Trinity School, which evolved into Trinity Services, which presented Bill with its Outstanding Service Award in 2008.

Bill's agency affiliations and awards:

- Will County Board of Supervisors – Board member 14 years
- Will County Forest Preserve – Board member, past president
- Will County Board of Health – Past president, vice-president
- UNICO National – Past president, board member, received Outstanding Citizen Award (1973)
- Easter Seals – Board member, donated acre of land on which present building stands
- B'nai B'rith – Member for many years
- Joliet Jewish Congregation – Board member, past president.

For information on Joliet Jewish Congregation, call (815) 741-4600.



PJ LIBRARY IS HERE

We'll send your child a Jewish book or CD every month – for FREE! That's right, PJ Library is coming to Chicago!

What is PJ Library?

- A FREE program that sends an age-appropriate, high quality Jewish content children's book or song CD to families each month! Zero strings attached!!

Who is eligible?

- Families with children age six months to six years can sign up for a free, three-year subscription to PJ Library. The number of slots is limited to one per family, so everyone gets a chance. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

What's the catch?

- Zilch. Zip. Nada. Relax...just enjoy these great bedtime stories

and listen to some rockin' Jewish music with your family!

How do I sign up?

- Registration opens in the Chicago Metropolitan area this fall.
- Register online at www.juf.org/pjlibrary.

How is this program possible?

PJ Library was created by The Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and is a gift to your family from the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and your local early childhood Jewish educators. PJ Library is an initiative of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago's Joyfully Jewish Family Programs.

For more information, contact Deborah Cooper at (312) 357-4831.



PARNOSSAHWORKSCHICAGO: A NEW EMPLOYMENT WEBSITE FOR PERSONALIZED JOB ASSISTANCE

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) announces the launch of ParnossahWorksChicago.org, a new, free job-search website accessible by Chicago-area job seekers and employers.

A unique job-posting board, ParnossahWorksChicago.org caters to local jobs at all professional levels, offering a wide range of résumés and open positions to ensure a productive and mutually beneficial search. Unlike any other job-posting website, qualified candidates are screened by an experienced, highly trained JVS career counselor.

The website offers an alternative to large, overwhelming job boards, with JVS staff providing confidential services to both candidates and employers to attain a strong match. The job-posting board gives individuals access to job opportunities and employment assistance, while offering a venue for employers to find pre-screened candidates to fill their open positions. The site, free to both employees and employers, is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation's J-HELP Initiative. Additional features include: job-search tools and strategies, relevant resources, a calendar listing topical workshops and special events, and opportunities to sign up for job campaign services.

Originally developed by F-E-G-S Health and Human Services System in New York to serve unemployed and underemployed Jews in their

area, ParnossahWorks is operating successfully in Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Toronto, Minneapolis and Atlanta.

"With everyone from senior executives and middle managers to young professionals and recent college graduates being affected by the current economic turmoil, this is an opportunity for members of the Jewish community to connect and help one another," said Rose Dessau, Supervisor, JVS Employment Services.

In addition to ParnossahWorks, JVS provides job campaign assistance through the Jewish Employment Network (JEN), offering networking opportunities, career counseling and cutting-edge job-search strategies for people looking to be competitive in a tough market. JVS career counselors provide support and help keep clients motivated and on track throughout the job-search process. Evening roundtables, ongoing groups and targeted workshops, along with a client list-serve, complement individual sessions with a counselor.

The Jewish Employment Network is a partnership of Jewish Vocational Service, the Chicago Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and affiliated congregations.

For more information on ParnossahWorksChicago.org, call (312) 673-3437 or e-mail parnossahworks@jvschicago.org.



UPDATED WEBSITE FOR JEWISH GENETICS CENTER

The Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders has launched its new website with an updated design, expanded content and plenty of improved features. Visit www.jewishgenetics.org to see personal stories, genetic

counseling directories, disorder and hereditary cancer resources and much more. We hope to hear from you about your experience – write to jewishgeneticsctr@juf.org with questions, comments and to sign up for our newsletter.