

## Israel Independence Day To be Celebrated Tonight

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey and the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey will mark Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, with a celebration tonight, Thursday, April 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The event will take place at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, and will be open to the public.

There will be activities for all ages, including tours by "native" tour guides, an archaeological site where children can dig for treasures, and a Bedouin tent filled with ethnic snacks.

People will also be able to write personal notes and place them in the "Western Wall." All notes will be delivered to Israel and placed at the Wall in Jerusalem. In addition, there will be music, singing and a birthday cake to celebrate Israel's 53rd year of independence.

The cost is \$20 per family and \$10

for individuals. For more information, please call Tammy Hampson, JCC Youth Services Director, at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 218.

The JCC of Central New Jersey is a partner agency of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and a constituent of the United Way.

## First Baptist to Offer Hospitality During Sunday's Spring Fling

WESTFIELD - The First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield, will be open from noon to 5 p.m. during the Seventh Annual Spring Fling Street Fair this Sunday, April 29, in downtown Westfield.

Members of the public are invited to visit the church for free lemonade and to use the restrooms, in conjunction with the festivities. For further information, please call (908) 233-2278.



**FUN FOR ALL AGES...**The First United Methodist Church of Westfield recently held a "Junior-Senior Prom" in the church Social Hall. The age difference between the prom "dates" was to be at least 35 years. In addition to music by a disc jockey, lessons for some new and old dance steps were offered, and a photographer took "prom" pictures. Proceeds from the dance will go towards mission work teams to RISE and Bolivia this summer. Pictured are Morgan Jakubowski and Ted Retzlaff.

## Visiting Health Services To be Luncheon Topic

WESTFIELD - "The History of the Visiting Health Services of Union County, Inc." will be the topic of its Marketing Director, Karen E. Mortenson, at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical

### Kidney Foundation Seeks Donations Of Motor Vehicles

AREA - The National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey is asking area residents to donate their used cars, trucks or vans to benefit individuals served by the organization.

The Foundation will pick up the vehicle free of charge and issue a letter that may be used for tax purposes.

The organization is dedicated to the treatment and cure of kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

For more information on donating a vehicle, please call the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey at (800) 63-DONATE.

Society. The luncheon is scheduled for noon on May 2 at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield.

Through the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary to the Union County Medical Society, the Services were originally incorporated in 1953 as the Home-maker Service of Eastern Union County. Services provided included light housework, errands, cooking and child care, among other tasks.

Ms. Mortenson will discuss the history of the Visiting Health Services, including its name changes in 1956, 1960 and 1998.

She will also describe how the home-maker orientation course was given in connection with the Elizabeth Board of Health, the Home Economics Department of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Elizabeth Consolidated Gas Company, the Red Cross and the Visiting Nurses of Eastern Union County.

Regular attendees of the luncheon will be contacted by a telephone committee of the Society to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others may attend by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, April 30.

## Two New Stephen Ministers Welcomed by Local Church

WESTFIELD - Two new Stephen Ministers, Judy Corrello and Diana Kazazis, were commissioned at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield on March 25.

Stephen Ministers offer care and support to parishioners who need a friend. They receive 50 hours of intensive training in effective listening, telecare, job loss, hospitalization, addiction, childbirth, divorce, grief, aging, terminal illness and depression.

Stephen Ministers commit themselves to a minimum of two years of service. The one-on-one service they provide is confidential and the identities of those receiving care remains private.

To date, more than 3,000 churches in the United States, Canada and other countries are using this program of lay caregiving.

For further information about the Stephen Ministers, please call the church office at (908) 233-4211.



**CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY...**New Stephen Ministers Judy Corrello and Diana Kazazis join their colleagues at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Front row, Bette Petersen, Isabelle Myles, Ms. Corrello, Helen Spooner and Mrs. Kazazis, and back row, the Reverend Dan Bottorff, who supervises the Ministry; Virginia Toemes, Charlotte Broadwell and Ed Lehecka. Absent from the photograph is Beth Sanford.

## St. Bart's Rosarians To Hold Installations At Meeting on May 7

SCOTCH PLAINS - The next meeting of St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will be held on Monday, May 7, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Installation of incoming officers and of new members will take place in the church.

This will be the annual Birthday Party meeting and the group's last meeting of the year. All members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.

## F-SP Service League Hosts Conference Of Thrift Shops

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League on April 16 hosted the Area Conference of Service League Thrift Shops.

Among those in attendance were Jeanne Crofton, Evelyn Whitehorn, Jeanne Pauley and Mary Ann Schuler, representing the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop, and Mildred Orlandoff, Sue Crawford and Mary Beth deBrueys, representing the Westfield Thrift Shop.

Representatives were also on hand from the Maplewood and Rahway Thrift Shops.

During a coffee reception at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Thrift Shop, participants had an opportunity to discuss window decorations, merchandise presentation and pricing.

The group then held a more formal meeting at the home of Kathy Meyer, followed by a luncheon. The head of each shop presented a paper citing the problems and successes of their respective shops. A discussion followed at which attendees exchanged ideas and offered some solutions to problems.

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## Center to Host Workshops On 'Healthy Lifestyles'

WESTFIELD - A three-day workshop entitled "Healthy Lifestyles" will be hosted by the Center for Women and Families, formerly known as Women for Women of Union County.

Sponsored by Overlook Hospital of Summit, the workshop will take place on consecutive Tuesdays, May 1, 8 and 15, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, located at 300 North Avenue in Westfield.

Representatives of the ALOHA Holistic Health Clinic of Short Hills will discuss the foundations of holistic healing, clinical nutrition and stress-reduction and health-building techniques.

Speakers will include Nancy Mahoney and Sue Ann Sylvester. Ms. Mahoney is ALOHA's registered dietician and clinical nurse, and is a consultant at the JFK Medical Center in Edison. Ms. Sylvester is ALOHA's electrodermal screening technician and an educator.

Advance registration for all three sessions is \$40, or \$50 at the door. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 322-6007.

The Center for Women and Families, headquartered at 1801 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, is a private, non-profit agency offering short-term, low or no-cost individual counseling, help referrals and self-help support groups for adults and families.

Computer tutoring was recently

added to the agency's roster of services. The center is seeking volunteers for this and other programs and services. Volunteer computer tutors need not be "computer experts," as many of the agency's clients need help just with basic computer skills.

Other volunteer areas include office administration, support group facilitation and special events coordination.

The Center for Women and Families may be reached by calling (908) 322-6007 or by e-mail at [thecenterforwomenandfamilies@yahoo.com](mailto:thecenterforwomenandfamilies@yahoo.com). Additional information may also be found on the Internet at [www.centerforwomenandfamilies.org](http://www.centerforwomenandfamilies.org).

### 'Western Night' Slated At Westfield Church

WESTFIELD - The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield, will present "Western Night" this Saturday, April 28, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$2 for children under age 12.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society will sponsor this annual event. The entertainment will include line dancing and instruction, as well as many prizes. Food and beer will also be available. For further information, please call (908) 233-8533.



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