

Randy Herman to Perform In Concert at Synagogue

AREA - The Jewish Seniors of Springfield, in conjunction with the Springfield Congregational Nurses program, will sponsor the Sam Reiter Memorial Concert on Sunday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The event, featuring singer Randy Herman performing folk and Klezmer music, will be held at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, located at 78 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield. The cabaret-style evening will include dessert after the concert. Admission will be a donation of \$20.

Sam Reiter was the founder of Jewish Seniors of Springfield and its first coordinator. Jackie Herzlinger, founder and coordinator of the Springfield Congregational Nurses program, is the current coordinator. Mr. Herman is a student in the Jewish Theological Seminary's H.L. Miller Cantorial School and a Cantorial student of Cantor Richard Nadel of Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield.

A pianist, singer and composer, he has worked as a professional musician in Paris and co-founded the avant-garde troupe Theatre Oobleck in Chicago, Ill., before enrolling in cantorial school. Mr. Herman has also sung in the Great Synagogue Choir in Jerusalem and at the famed Chor Shul in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Jewish Seniors of Springfield is a coordinating council formed by Springfield's three synagogues - Temple Sha'arey Shalom (Renaissance Group), Temple Beth Ahm (Hazak) and Congregation Israel (Senior Set).

The purposes of the group are to avoid scheduling conflicts among the activities for senior citizens in the three congregations, to publish a joint schedule of activities to enable cross participation, and to sponsor a limited number of joint programs for all.

For more information about the upcoming concert with Randy Herman, please contact Ms. Herzlinger through Temple Sha'arey Shalom's office at (973) 379-5387 or shaarey.org.

To order tickets in advance, please make checks payable to: "Jewish Seniors of Springfield" and mail to Jewish Seniors of Springfield, in care of Rena Graham, 50 Maple Avenue No. 309, Springfield, N.J. 07081.

St. John's Ushers Slate Annual Day on Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS - On Sunday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m., the combined usher boards of St. John's Baptist Church will celebrate their Annual Day. The Reverend Tracy Brown of Plainfield's Ruth Fellowship Ministries will be the guest speaker.

Accompanying Reverend Brown will be her officers, ushers, choirs and congregation members. St. John's Baptist Church is located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call (908) 232-6972.



Randy Herman



LOCAL HISTORY LESSON...Guest speaker Daniel Bernier, head of the Union County Division of Park Planning and Maintenance, tells members of the Westfield Area Old Guard the history of the Deserted Village and anticipated efforts to restore it during the Old Guard's May 10 meeting at the Westfield Area "Y."

Old Guard Hears Discussion On Deserted Village History

WESTFIELD - Daniel Bernier, head of the Union County Division of Park Planning and Maintenance, was the guest speaker at the May 10 meeting of the Westfield Area Old Guard.

Mr. Bernier's principle subject was a discussion about the Deserted Village, once known as Feltsville, which is located in the Watchung Mountains just above Scotch Plains.

The area was settled in the 1700s as a farming community. It became a summer resort in the late 1800s, and in the 1920s was made a part of the Union County Watchung Reservation.

The Deserted Village, with its Colonial-style homes and church, still exists. Pending approval of state grants, the buildings will be repaired and upgraded for tourism.

Composed of retired men from the western part of Union County, the Westfield Area Old Guard meets each Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

Every Thursday there is a brief meeting, coffee and Danish pastries and a speaker. The organization is celebrating its 75th anniversary of fellowship this year.

For more information about join-

ing the Westfield Area Old Guard, interested persons are invited to attend a Thursday meeting or to call Jack McHugh at (908) 233-1539 or Walt Halpin at (908) 889-2074.

Labyrinth Walk Series To Begin Anew Sunday

CRANFORD - The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford will sponsor a series of open labyrinth walks; the next is scheduled for Sunday, June 3. Walks are held in Bates Hall at the church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue.

Participants may walk the labyrinth between 1 and 4 p.m. but are asked to begin their walk by 3:30 p.m. Walks will be held on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation that has experienced a revival in modern times. In Medieval times, it symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not personally make the journey. The 11-ringed pattern, painted on canvas, is modeled after the 13th-century labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France.

For more information, call the church at (908) 276-8440.

Garden Tours to Be Focus Of 'Shakespeare In Bloom'

PLAINFIELD - The Plainfield Garden Club, the membership of which includes residents of Westfield, will celebrate its Shakespeare Garden in Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield this Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with "Shakespeare in Bloom" and private garden tours.

The event will feature guided tours of the garden; three private Plainfield residential gardens on tour; music by members of the Plainfield Symphony; complimentary refreshments; boutique shopping and a plant sale.

Built in 1927 by the prominent landscape design firm of Frederick Law Olmsted, the garden features only plants, flowers and herbs cited in the works of William Shakespeare or dating back to the Elizabethan period. The original design for the gar-

den is located in the Library of Congress and preserved with other papers documenting the nation's preservation of green space.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at Swain's Gallery in Plainfield and Coldwell Banker in Westfield. Proceeds will benefit preservation of the Shakespeare Garden. For additional locations, please call (908) 322-8933. Maps of the private gardens will be available at the Shakespeare Garden the day of the event.

The Plainfield Garden Club, founded 80 years ago along with the installation of the Shakespeare Garden, is a non-profit organization. It is a member of the Garden Club of America, headquartered in New York City. For more information on the GCA, please visit gcamerica.org.



POSTER CHILDREN...Students from Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains earned honorable mentions for posters they entered in the "2007 My County Poster Contest," sponsored by the Union County Constitutional Officer's Association of New Jersey to celebrate Union County's 150th anniversary. The following students, pictured from left to right, were honored: Josh Mineo, Brianna Cepparulo, Amanda Karacsony, Shannon Burns, Allyson Cerini and Jackie Fletcher. Caitlin Maldonado is not pictured.

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Letters to the Editor

Tour of Notable Homes Success Has Businesses, Community to Thank

It is with great pride that the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra extend our most sincere thanks to all who supported our 23rd annual Tour of Notable Homes, held on May 5 to benefit the Westfield Symphony.

Special thanks go to our homeowners: Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman, Mr. and Mrs. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Peloso, Dr. and Mrs. Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Wargo. Each home reflected the special interests and talents of their owners.

We also want to thank our corporate underwriters, Burgdorf, Coldwell Banker, Weichert Realtors, Prudential Properties, Anthony James Construction, Shop-Rite Supermarket and The Town Bank.

Bombay Co., Parker Greenhouses

VWR Corporation and Williams-Sonoma provided many of the special touches. Exquisite floral designs were courtesy of Apple Blossom Flower Shop, Christoffers, Kay Cross Designs, The Flower Zone and The Green Room.

The wonderful day was made possible by the effort of our ticket outlets, Carl Baron, a talented cellist as well as the many volunteers whose help kept the tour running smoothly. The Friends of the Westfield Symphony are proud to support the area's preeminent professional orchestra, and we thank the community for twenty-three years of your support.

Carole Leone
Friends President
Westfield

Tax Counseling for the Elderly A Success Due to Help of Many

On behalf of the TCE Program (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) I would like to thank the directors and staffs of the following organizations for the use of their facilities to allow our volunteer counselors to prepare income tax forms for senior citizens and low income persons without any charge: Westfield Community Center, St. Helen's Catholic Church, and Scotch Plains and Westfield Senior Housing Buildings.

A special thanks to director Meg Kolaya and her staff at the Scotch Plains Library

It Seems Regulators In NJ Serve Us Poorly For Water and Gas

I just received an invoice from New Jersey American Water. Included was a small brochure explaining how the charge for water was calculated. Conspicuous by its absence was any explanation for a charge labeled "Purchased Water Adj."

Elizabethtown Water Co., a predecessor, always had enough water for all its needs. If I am not mistaken, they were able to sell water to other water companies during times of drought. New Jersey American just received a rate increase. Why must they now also buy water that was never needed in the past? Are we, as former Elizabethtown Water Company customers, being charged because their other properties are water poor?

In the same vein, Public Service continues to charge us for costs resulting from a supposed decrease in value to their infrastructure upon deregulation. The properties in fact increased in value, but we are still paying this surcharge.

Our regulators continue to serve us poorly. One wonders if their mission is to regulate the public rather than the utilities.

Henry Laessig
Westfield

to allow us to prepare tax forms five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., February 1 through April 17. Over 200 returns were prepared.

Also thanks go to TV channels 34, 35, and 36, newspapers *Courier News*, *Suburban News*, *The Times*, *The Leader*, and *Record Press* for publicizing the program.

As the volunteer local coordinator for the AARP/IRS senior income tax program, I wish to thank the following volunteer tax counselors for their dedicated service filing 200 income tax forms: Stan Borkowski, Jack McGovern, Bob Geer, Joe Kutsop, Brigid Marinaro, Dan McGonigal, Liba and Gene Reiss, Mary Rivett, Mary Ryan, Jack Salm and Ray Smith. We serviced over 1,400 senior citizens, disabled, and low-income individuals.

Through everyone's cooperation we assisted over 1,400 persons.

Ed Evans
Scotch Plains

Ms. Speidel to Perform At Sisterhood Dinner

AREA - Susan Speidel, an award-winning singer, performer and director of education at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, will perform at the Annual Dinner of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim.

The dinner will be held on Thursday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford. A cocktail hour followed by an open buffet dinner will be featured.

Donna Rubin, Mollie Sperling, Joan Finkelstein and Dorothy Steinbach are co-chairing the event. For more information and to make a reservation, please call the temple during business hours at (908) 276-9231.



DRUG-FREE IS THE WAY TO BE...After graduating from the D.A.R.E. Program, and receiving his certificate and special T-shirt, Wardlaw-Hartridge fifth grader Chase Levitt of Scotch Plains read his winning essay, which featured mottos, such as: "A drug user is a real loser," "A drinker is not a thinker, but a stinker" and "Taking marijuana is like putting your brain in a sauna." Chase, the son of Dr. Myron Levitt and Dr. Miriam Jakobs of Scotch Plains, was one of four students to be honored for their essay writing, which encourages students to pledge a drug-free life.

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