

Torah Center to Conduct High Holidays Services

WESTFIELD - The Union County Torah Center invites anyone seeking a place to pray on the High Holidays to attend its services in observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah services will be held September 8 to 10 at The Westwood, located at 438 North Avenue in Garwood. Yom Kippur services will be held September 17 to 18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel,

Temple Emanu-El Sets High Holyday Services

WESTFIELD - Families with young children are welcome to worship at Temple Emanu-El for the High Holydays. A special Family Service geared towards families with children from infants through age 8 will be held on Thursday, September 9, at 3 p.m. and Saturday, September 18, at 1:45 p.m.

These services will be open to all and free of charge. Adults should bring some form of identification with them. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. For more information, contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114, or cshane@tewnj.org, or visit tewnj.org.

Planning Meeting on Tap For Annual CROP Walk

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium will sponsor the community's annual participation in a CROP Walk on Sunday, October 17, beginning at 2 p.m. from the All Saints' Episcopal Church.

A final planning meeting is set for Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m. at All Saints' Church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains (across from Park Middle School, with parking available behind the church).

The walk will raise funds for Church World Service, which provides both emergency and long-term assistance programs throughout the world. In addition, one-quarter of the funds raised in the CROP Walk are returned to the community to meet local needs.

Representatives of participating groups are encouraged to attend the planning meeting, as CROP Walk materials will be distributed, and

Needle Nite Program

On Tap September 10

FANWOOD - The monthly Needle Nite program at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will be held on Friday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall on Marian Avenue.

This will be a "Show and Tell" evening. All participants are invited to bring whatever project they are working on, or one they have put aside while doing the Needle Nite project.

"We welcome new people to join us on this evening of socializing," stated group coordinators Nancy Bassman and Pat Lake.

This knit and crochet circle of women will have first choice of the newly donated yarns for the various projects they make for newborns, area nursing homes and those needing the extra care of a prayer shawl.

For further information about these projects or directions to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, call the church office at (908) 889-8891 or contact fanwoodpress@erols.com.

Labyrinth Walk Series To Begin This Sunday

CRANFORD - The First Presbyterian Church will sponsor a series of open labyrinth walks, with the next one scheduled for Sunday, September 5. All walks will be held at the church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. Everyone is welcome.

Participants are invited to come to the Thomson Youth Center and walk the labyrinth anytime between 1 and 4 p.m., but are asked to begin their walk by 3:30 p.m. Subsequent walks will take place on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

For more information concerning the labyrinth program or future walks, call the church at (908) 276-8440.

located at 36 Valley Road in Clark. To reserve rooms with special rates at the hotel, call (732) 574-0100 and ask for the Yom Kippur rate.

The services and prayer books will be in Hebrew and English. All Jews, regardless of religious background, knowledge or level of observance, are welcome.

Additionally, the Torah Center will have a junior congregation and baby-sitting in conjunction with these services. Reservations are necessary. For more information and to receive a registration form for the High Holiday services, call the center at (908) 789-5252, e-mail info@torahcenter.org, print the form or register online at torahcenter.org.

The Union County Torah Center, located at 509 Central Avenue in Westfield, also offers Hebrew School on Sundays. Classes are held for grades 2 to 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. There also is a monthly program for ages 3 and 4.

Hebrew High is available on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation also is provided. No synagogue affiliation or membership is required. To schedule an appointment, call (908) 789-5252 or e-mail info@torahcenter.org.

Marie Varley of Church World Service will be present to answer questions and give direction.

The CROP Walk route is approximately three miles long, and will end back at All Saints' Church. Walkers are asked to find sponsors to donate money in honor of their participation. An alternate activity will be the CROP Rock, hosted by the Scotch Plains Baptist Church on Park Avenue, where participants will sit outside in rocking chairs, rocking for the cause.

Ten religious organizations from Scotch Plains and Fanwood took part in last year's CROP Walk. For more information, call All Saints' Church at (908) 322-8047.

Thrift Shop to Reopen For Fall September 8

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop will reopen for the fall season on Wednesday, September 8, at 10 a.m. in its newly redecorated premises.

A large selection of clothing for all ages and sizes will be available, along with kitchen supplies, jewelry, small furniture, pictures and frames, plus other decorative items.

The church is located at the corner of LaGrande and Martine Avenues. Individuals should enter on the McDermott Place side. Ample parking is available. All the thrift shop workers are volunteers, and all proceeds are directed to local charities.



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS...The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation recently held its second successful scholarship fundraiser. Members of the board and 2008 recipients, pictured left to right, are: Steven Clyne, Kelly Brummer, Rick Martinelli, Patty McCullough, Mary Ann Clyne, George Clyne, Brittany Van Sickle, Jessica Taylor, Mary Friedman and Patricia Walsh.

Gregg F. Clyne Foundation Holds Scholarship Event

WESTFIELD - The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation held its second scholarship fundraiser on August 14 at the Gran Centurions in Clark. One hundred-and-thirty guests came together to support and celebrate Mr. Clyne's life, legacy and mission.

The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established in 2008. Just prior to his death in 2006, Mr. Clyne, of Westfield, requested that a foundation be set up in his name to give financial support to local high school students who plan on attending the University of Delaware, his alma mater.

The evening was filled with much love and support for Mr. Clyne, his family and his foundation. All five scholarship award recipients were in attendance - Brittany Van Sickle (2008), Jessica Taylor (2008), Kaitlyn Williamson (2009) and the 2010 recipients, Caroline Yeager and Emily Williams.

Approximately \$22,000 was raised by selling 50/50 tickets, raffling more than 60 baskets of gifts, ranging in value from \$100 to \$250; 14 silent auction items and a special live auction item of a five-day/four-night vacation in Vermont.

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Because of the generosity of so many, the Foundation will be able to continue to fulfill Mr. Clyne's wish, according to his family.

For more information regarding the foundation, visit Mr. Clyne's website, greggclynefoundation.com, or e-mail gfcfoundation@gmail.com.

Civil War Historian To Address Meeting

WESTFIELD - Steven Glazer will discuss local involvement in the Civil War at the Thursday, September 9 meeting of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street. It will be open to the public and refreshments will be served.

A resident of Cranford, where he has done Civil War research for 10 years, Mr. Glazer serves as chairman of Cranford's local committee for the sesquicentennial (150th year) commemoration of the Civil War. The official start of the sesquicentennial year is April 2011.

Mr. Glazer, a recently retired partner from the Manhattan law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School in Newark, has published multiple articles on local residents who fought in the Civil War. He has been researching local links to the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln for almost a decade.

Willow Grove Church Posts Date For Fall Homecoming

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church will hold its Fall Kick Off and Homecoming on Sunday, September 12, beginning with the 10 a.m. worship service for all ages.

Before her sermon, Pastor Cynthia Cochran-Carney offers a Message for Young Disciples, and young people may leave to participate in classes for their age group in the church Sunday school. Children under age 3 may remain with their parents at the worship service, or The Children's Ark nursery is available, where they may play under the care of church volunteers while their parents attend worship. Parents are given portable electronic devices so they can be reached, if needed. After worship, juice, coffee and other refreshments are available in the church's Alexander Hall.

This fall, Willow Grove will enter into the sixth year of a Sunday school curriculum called "Discovery Kingdom" for children ages 3 through the first grade. Children discover the meaning of Christian faith through a rotation model, using multi-media resources such as computers, music, science, puppets, drama, arts and crafts, food, puzzles, games and videos.

For children from grades 2 to 6, the church will continue with "Live B.I.G." Youngsters learn to find their way around the Bible and begin to see how the stories guide them in their lives. Additionally, discussion classes are held for young people in grades 7 to 12, and they also are encouraged to attend youth group meetings every other Sunday night at the church from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for games, discussion, service projects, trips and recreation.

The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, across the street from

the Southside Firehouse and near the corner of South Martine Avenue. The building and facilities are handicap-accessible. For more information about Willow Grove, call the church office at (908) 232-5678, e-mail office@willowgrovechurch.org or visit willowgrovechurch.org.

Temple Sholom to Hold High Holy Day Services

FANWOOD - Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites non-members to join the congregation for family-oriented religious services honoring Rosh HaShanah on Thursday, September 9, and Yom Kippur on Saturday, September 18.

On both days, at 10 a.m., the congregation will hold a young family service in the Temple Sholom chapel at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues.

Led by Director of Education Michelle Shapiro Abraham and guitarist Rebekah Sedwin, this service will intertwine music, story telling and age-appropriate worship to create a High Holy Day experience for families with children from infants to age 7. To respond, call (908) 889-4900 or e-mail office@sholomnj.org.

Also on both days, at 2 p.m., a family Torah service will be held in the main sanctuary. Rabbi Joel Abraham and Student Cantor Vicky Glikin will present an interactive family service for all ages, during which attendees will be able to stand with the rabbi on the bimah as he reads Torah, hear the High Holy Day melodies and experience the congregation's High Holy Day liturgy. No advance responses are required.

For information about acquiring High Holy Day tickets, non-members should call (908) 889-4900.

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