

## Bertram Schwartz to Recall China During World War II

WESTFIELD — "China During World War II" will be Bertram Schwartz's topic in a slide and lecture presentation to the Westfield Historical Society on Friday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

Mr. Schwartz will discuss how little is known by the general public about the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations during World War II.

He will explain how important it was to keep China in the war, the actions required to accomplish this task and the early involvement of General Chenault's Flying Tigers, as well as the many difficulties participants encountered.

Mr. Schwartz served as a Technical Sergeant, Radio Operator/Gun-

ner and flew over 50 missions in B-25s with the 14th Air Force in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II.

He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and four battle stars, plus many other commendations, including the Kang Chan Sheng-Li Chi-Nien Chang from the Republic of China.

Mr. Schwartz, who spent 43 years in solid state science and technology with Sylvania Electric, Hughes Aircraft and Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, will also tell how in 1978 his scientific background led to an invitation from the People's Republic of China to return as a visiting scientist to lecture on semiconductor chemistry.

The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

## Miller-Cory to Showcase Valentine's Day Traditions

WESTFIELD — St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield this Sunday, February 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. The last tour of the historic farmhouse, located at 614 Mountain Avenue, will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield will demonstrate how early Americans made valentines using techniques of the period. A variety of prepared valentines will be on display for visitors to view.

The custom of exchanging valentines was brought to America by the English settlers, although the occasion was not widely celebrated during the 1700s. Lace papers and hearts produced in England and Germany often were assembled by hand and sold in America during the 1800s.

Volunteers dressed in authentic period clothing will provide tours of the farmhouse and regale visitors with stories of the past.

A variety of Colonial reproductions, crafts, cookbooks and educational materi-

als are available in the museum's gift shop.

Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under age 6 are admitted free.

On Sunday, February 25, the museum will feature "The Indian Medicine Man."

For information about the museum, weekday guided tours, Showcase programs and a schedule of upcoming events, as well as opportunities for becoming a Miller-Cory volunteer, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

### Gardenaires Plan Mystery Program

SCOTCH PLAINS — The monthly meeting of the Gardenaires, on Wednesday, February 28, at noon, will feature a mystery program. A clue is "Think Spring."

The event will take place at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.



REDEEMER LEADERS...Officers of the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Westfield were recently installed for the year ahead. They are, pictured left to right: Doug Kelly, Assistant Treasurer; Mary Burke, Secretary; Sonja Burkett, President; Mike Kzirian, Vice President, all of Westfield, and Vic Dankis of Warren, Treasurer. For information about programs or the worship schedule, please call (908) 232-1517.

## Scotch Plains Baptist Church Plans 'Spiritual Adventure'

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church are planning to undertake a 50-day "Spiritual Adventure," entitled "Seeing the Unseen Christ: How His Presence Transforms Life," from Sunday, February 25, through Easter Sunday, April 15.

Participants will work daily through Adventure journals, studying Scriptures and applying lessons through "action steps."

During the upcoming program, participants will examine eight ways in which people's lives can be transformed by accepting Jesus Christ.

Weekly sermons will be presented on these themes. Adults, teenagers and children will all have an opportunity to participate in Spiritual Adventure activities.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the eight-week program is invited to visit the weekly worship

services on Sundays at 11 a.m. The Scotch Plains Baptist Church is located at 333 Park Avenue. For more information, please call (908) 322-5487.

### Ketubah Unit Plans February 25 Dinner

AREA — The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will meet for dinner at La Fonda Restaurant, located at 120 Raritan Road (Route 27) in Highland Park on Sunday, February 25, at 5 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is each individual's share of the bill. Ketubah Unit is open to Jewish couples who are age 40 and older. Non-members are invited to join the group for the dinner and to attend other events.

To respond or for more information about the group, please call Elaine at (908) 232-0062 by Friday, February 23.

## People of All Faiths Are Seeking Ways to Give Back to Community

By RABBI CHARLES KROLOFF

Something very interesting is happening in Westfield and in cities and towns across America. Religion is in! Religion is cool!

It doesn't matter whether you are Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Muslim or Buddhist. It doesn't matter whether you are young or old, male or female, black, brown or white, rich, poor or middle class, conservative or liberal. There is — and has been for some years — a resurgence of interest and participation in religious life.

Membership in churches and synagogues is generally up. Attendance at religious services and educational programs has escalated. And most dramatic of all, people are asking questions they have never asked before. Here are some of the queries which I hear most often:

For what purpose have I been placed on earth?

What is the meaning of my life? Is there an Ultimate Power beyond myself and, if so, what difference does that Power make?

Is there more to life than what I am sensing and what is that "more"?

What happens to us after death? What are my responsibilities to my fellow human beings and to society?

Can I make a difference in the world?

Among Jews, which is the community I know best, I am witnessing growing numbers who want to give something back to the society that has been good to them.

There appears to be a similar phenomenon among other religious groups: more men, women and children who know that they have been blessed and recognize that, in order to be fully human, they need to give as much as they receive.

In Hebrew, we have an expression known as *tikun olam*. It means to "repair the world." *Tikun olam* teaches us that we are partners with God in the on-going work of creation. For good reasons that we may

not fully fathom, our world is imperfect. I believe that God expects us to be partners with the Divine in repairing or improving the world.

That means that we must figure out how to raise the level of education for all sectors of society. That means we must eradicate all traces of racism, anti-Semitism and anti-feminism and eliminate stereotyping and prejudice from ourselves and from our communities. That means we must reach out to the aged and the infirm and to do so as messengers of God.

Your synagogue, church or mosque offers creative, effective ways to be God's partner, to be part of a caring community, and to leave this place a little better than we found it. Perhaps this is one reason why religion is touching so many lives today.

May God bless the good works of your hands and hearts.

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Rabbi Kroloff has been the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El since 1966. He is the author of "When Elijah Knocks: A Religious Response to Homelessness" (Behrman House Publishers) and "54 Ways You Can Help the Homeless" (Macmillan). He is currently the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.



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For the second year in a row, Overlook Hospital received the highest honor our state can bestow — the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence. This year, Overlook is the only health care institution to receive this distinguished recognition.

The Governor's Award examiners cited Overlook for its strong commitment to self-assessment and performance excellence, as well as the hospital's focus on patient satisfaction and its firm commitment to empowerment of the staff. The award is presented by Quality New Jersey and is based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Congratulations to this year's recipients and thanks to all of our physicians and employees for the dedication and commitment that made this award possible.



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