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**THE TERROR...** Ed Zazzali of Scotch Plains took a trio of photographs from Newark of the collapse of the Twin Towers; Arts and Entertainment Editor Michelle H. LePoidevin captured pictures of the plumes of smoke raging against the New York City skyline while traffic was at a standstill outside of a vacant Newark International Airport. A Port Authority police officer directed cars away from New Jersey Turnpike, North, as cars and trucks, mostly from New York and New Jersey, seemingly traveled in circles, trying to navigate in safety.

## Twin Towers Destroyed

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In what is being equated with the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor in its devastating magnitude of death and destruction, Tuesday, September 11, 2001 will be a date infamously linked with the worst act of terrorism to ever touch American soil.

Countless numbers of lives and the New York City skyline have been horrifically altered by a terrorist attack that totally destroyed the World Trade Center Twin Towers after two hijacked airline jets crashed into the 110-story buildings. A third hijacked jet was intentionally plunged into the Pentagon 15 minutes before the first of the Twin Towers caved in and collapsed.

Two hijacked commercial airline jets were flown directly into The World Trade Center Twin Towers, located in Battery Park City in Lower Manhattan, on Tuesday morning in what is being described as a terrorist suicide mission. The North Tower was hit at approximately 8:45 a.m. near the 80th floor, and the South Tower was hit near the 70th floor at approximately 9:03 a.m.

As of yesterday morning, much of New York City was paralyzed by the attacks and many schools and businesses were shut down.

Both Trade Center towers had huge, gaping holes from which flames, smoke and debris poured out for hours after the crashes. A third hijacked jet subsequently crashed into the Pentagon at approximately 9:45 a.m. A fourth jet crashed approximately 80 miles outside of Pittsburgh at 10:10 a.m.

Then, one hour after the first crash, the North Tower collapsed on itself at 10 a.m. and the South Tower collapsed approximately one half-hour later at 10:30 a.m. Both towers crumbled into piles of rubble, sending shattered glass and a thick cloud

of smoke, debris and soot billowing into the streets of Lower Manhattan for hours, covering cars and people trapped in its blinding wake with silt and dust.

Although numerous of employees were evacuated after the initial plane crashes, eyewitness accounts from the streets below reported, on the major news stations, seeing people plunge out of upper-story windows, to their death, from the fiery floors above.

Thousands of terrified people ran frantically from the impenetrable cloud of smoke that enveloped the entire tip of Lower Manhattan after the buildings collapsed.

Hundreds of passengers aboard the four airplanes were immediately presumed dead, and thousands of New York City and Pentagon employees were injured. More than 50,000 people work in the World Trade Center and over 200,000 people travel through the towers on a daily basis. It is estimated that approximately 24,000 people work at the Pentagon.

As of Tuesday night, there were no official figures on the number of fatalities, although city officials estimated the number of casualties would be high due to the hundreds of emergency personnel in and around the buildings at the time of the collapses.

As of 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, more than 600 firefighters and New York City police were still missing. New York City hospitals were filled with the injured, including victims with third-degree burns, smoke inhalation and many eye injuries from shattered, falling glass and debris.

New York Governor George Pataki and Acting Governor of New Jersey Donald T. DiFrancesco declared states of emergency, respectively, in order to have the power to summon the National Guard and other emergency personnel.

Thousands of emergency workers, including all police, fire and rescue squad workers were summoned to duty. Emergency workers from New

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## Commuters Riveted By Tragedy

By FRED LECOMTE  
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Leaving behind the billowing plumes of smoke and terror striking Lower Manhattan, commuters arrived safely into Westfield's train station via NJ Transit from the city and Port Authority in Elizabeth.

Visibly anxious, commuters Mike Webb and Donald Glassford were willing to relate their experiences from a devastating day that they could never anticipate.

Mr. Webb said, "Although at

*"I saw the second plane heading across the river over Bayonne. What I saw next was just incomprehensible to me...this huge orange fireball."*

Donald Glassford, Westfield

this time the Port Authority is closed, trains are running one way - out. It's a load and go situation."

"NJ Transit is very organized," Mr. Webb stressed. "They're getting everybody out."

An employee at CBS Sports, he was advised by his superiors not to come into the city yesterday, the day after the tragedy. Instead, he would conduct business by conference calls until further notice.

Mr. Glassford, who is employed as a distributor in auto services in Port Elizabeth, was one among many with a clearer view of the city.

He commented, "I saw the second plane heading across the river over Bayonne. What I saw next was just incomprehensible to me...this huge orange fireball."

"Later, I saw yet another unbelievable sight, the collapse of the tower. It just dropped down," he said. A still emotional Mr. Glassford added, "It's an absolute

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### Emergency Information

**To donate blood:** Please call the American Red Cross - Westfield/Mountainside Chapter, (908) 232-7090; or the Tri-County Red Cross Chapter (operating out of Muhlenberg Regional Hospital), 322 West Front Street, Plainfield, covering Scotch Plains and Fanwood, (908) 756-6414; or North Jersey Blood Center, (800) 933-2566.

**Blood Drives:** Community Blood Drive, sponsored by American Red Cross of Westfield/Mountainside, Thursday, September 20, noon to 9 p.m., The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

For Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents: Thursday, September 13, Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Street, Cranford, 4 to 9 p.m.

**To report family members missing in the World Trade Center tragedy or related emergency information,** please call Westfield Police at (908) 789-4006, Scotch Plains Police at (908) 322-7100, Fanwood Police at (908) 322-5000 or Mountainside Police at (908) 232-8100.

**For updated Westfield response efforts,** please stay tuned to WCTV-36, which will post emergency information.

**Counseling Services:** Billington Center at Trinitas Hospital, 925 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth; Family Counseling Center, 300 North Avenue, East, Cranford; NBC-10 Counseling Center Hotline: (877) 996-2210.

**Emergency Information for family members only:** Department of Justice survivor/victim family hotline, (800) 331-0075.

American Red Cross family inquiry alternate number, (215) 299-0134.

St. Vincent's Hospital, (212) 604-7285.

**Family information on passengers on hijacked airline flights that crashed:**

American Airlines, (800) 245-0999.

United Airlines, (800) 932-8555.

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## Towns, Residents Are Horrified By Terrorist Attacks In NYC, D.C.

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Special procedures were put into place in the wake of Tuesday's disaster, and local officials responded with sensitivity, aware of the numerous area residents who would be affected by the tragic events that unfolded in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The Westfield Municipal Building was closed down, except for emergency personnel. Town employees were told to go home, to allow everyone an opportunity to cope with the magnitude of the day's events or to locate missing family and friends.

The Scotch Plains Municipal Building and offices remained opened, but those who needed to were permitted to leave work early. Municipal government meetings for both towns and a Westfield Board of Education meeting, which had been scheduled for Tuesday night, were cancelled.

In addition, the regular meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council, which had been set for tonight, has been postponed. It will be held next Thursday, September 20, at 8 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers.

School officials in local districts held meetings as soon as the news broke, to discuss support services that could be implemented to help students and teachers.

In most districts, guidance counselors and psychologists from local service agencies were on hand to counsel students who were shaken up by the day's events. Some schools asked for a list of names of students whose parents worked in the city, so that emergency contacts could be located, in the event that parents were unable to arrive home when expected.

The Westfield Y, along with Westfield schools, made themselves available to house students whose parents or emergency contacts could not be located after school.

However, Assistant Executive Director of the Y, Fred Wasiak, reported that no school children were brought to the Y and all of the emergency contacts were located for those youngsters whose parents could not

leave New York City and arrive home when expected.

"Like the schools, we expect that we'll be helping many children to cope with their feelings about this tragedy over the coming weeks and months," Mr. Wasiak said.

Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix told *The Westfield Leader* that many special support efforts were implemented to help students cope with the events. After news broke of the attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, students were permitted to call home to verify their families' safety and students were allowed to go home with parents if they chose.

"We're cognizant that we have many families that may be drastically affected by this tragedy," Dr. Petix said. "Our main concern is that we provide the best support to students and teachers to help them to get through this. We are also trying to proceed with as normal a school environment as is possible, which is also helpful for other students."

Kathy Meyer, Public Information Coordinator for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district, told *The Times* that the district was helping students to cope, stay calm and focused, while maintaining as normal a school routine as was possible.

Children with parents who worked in New York were told to gather and wait until a parent or emergency guardian was contacted to bring them home.

People interested in donating greatly needed blood are asked to call 1-87-RED-CROSS (1-877-332-7677) or 1-800-933-2566, or to simply go to their nearest hospital. Hours at all sites have been extended until further notice.

Local reaction to Tuesday morning's terrorist attacks was marked by an array of emotions, including fear, anger and concern for the future of the United States and its national security.

"It's absolutely like nothing we have ever seen in our lifetime," stated Brian Donahue, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Michael A. Ferguson (R-7th).

Congressman Ferguson was reported to be safe at his home in Virginia after the attacks.

Mr. Donahue said prior to a cutoff of communications with the Washington office, the staff was "upset and nervous."

Westfield First Ward Councilman Peter Echausse, who was working in Midtown Manhattan at the time of the incidents, told *The Leader*, "There won't be a community or a family in this area that is unaffected by this terrible tragedy."

Mr. Echausse rides the Raritan Valley NJ Transit train from the Westfield train station into New York City every day, along with many local commuters. He said the scene

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Horace R. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

**RECALLING THE HORROR...** Advertising Director Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood captured commuters' reactions as they walked from the Westfield train station down Elm Street. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Lecomte, Port of Elizabeth employee Donald Glassford and Mike Webb of CBS Sports.



Ingrid McKinley for The Westfield Leader

**DAYS BEFORE DESTRUCTION...** Richard McKinley, a Westfield resident, poses on top of the Ritz Carlton Hotel with the World Trade Towers in the background. This picture was taken just nine days before the massive destruction of the structures which claimed many lives. Mr. McKinley witnessed the devastation from his job site.

# Twin Towers Destroyed

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Jersey were allowed to enter New York City to assist in containing the disaster.

Thousands of New Jersey commuters were trapped in New York City when bridges and tunnels were closed and most forms of public transportation were suspended for the remainder of the day. Many of those evacuated were advised by emergency personnel to wait inside nearby buildings until the smoke and falling debris settled. Rescue workers escorted the evacuated workers to Battery City Park, where tugboats, ferries and local cruise boats transported the shaken commuters across the Hudson River to Hoboken and Jersey City to other forms of transportation to various parts of New Jersey.

For most of the day, telephone service in and out of New York City was inoperable as the system was over-burdened with calls from concerned family and friends, who anxiously awaited word on the whereabouts of their loved ones. Cell phone service in and out of the city worked intermittently or not at all at varying times.

The major network news stations, which transmit from the towers, including ABC, NBC and CBS, went off the air for several minutes immediately following the plane crashes and had interruptions in service for several hours. Emergency telephone numbers were announced on the networks for information about family and friends who worked in the Trade Center or who were passengers aboard the affected flights.

As of 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, there were network reports of cell phone calls coming from inside the towers from survivors trapped under the debris. Many bodies were also pulled from the debris throughout the day, but exact numbers were not given.

The identity of the terrorists responsible for the attacks has not yet been confirmed by Tuesday night, but government sources reported that the Afghanistan Taliban, linked to Muslim terrorist leader Osama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the disasters.

He has also reportedly met with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad regarding their common hatred of the United States.

Several months ago, bin Laden was quoted as saying that he would exact "extreme vengeance" and retribution on the United States for political actions in the past.

Congressman James Moran of Virginia was quoted on an news Website as saying that he had learned at a Washington briefing that the fourth jet appeared to be headed for the Presidential retreat Camp David in Maryland, when it crashed 85 miles short of its intended target. Rumors that the government ordered the hijacked plane to be shot down were denied by the State Department.

Although Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stopped short of declaring this an "act of war," when questioned on television by ABC reporters, President George W. Bush said that these horrible acts would not go unpunished once it was determined who was responsible.

Aircraft carriers were deployed off the East and West Coasts of the United States as a security measure, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Henry H. Shelton said, "the Armed Forces are ready to go." Most State Department buildings, including the White House, the Capitol, the Pentagon, the Supreme Court and many other government buildings in Washington, D.C. and in New York City were evacuated.

The collapse of the Twin Towers, which housed many administrative

offices for international world banks and other financial institutions, forced the New York City Stock Exchange to close. Other stock exchanges worldwide followed suit as a precautionary measure.

Portions of the Pentagon, one of the largest buildings in the world and the seat of the Defense Department, collapsed after flames burned out of control for several hours. World Trade Tower no. 7 also collapsed, presumed to have been caused by associated fire.

The construction of the Trade Center began in 1966 and was completed in 1972. The towers were 1,368 feet tall — the tallest buildings in city and the third largest in the world. They housed many administrative offices of the world's largest, international banks and investment firms, including the offices of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The towers were also the home of a 427,000-square-foot retail space known as The Mall, which was occupied by retailers such as The Gap, J. Crew, Banana Republic and The Limited. The towers also housed numerous museums, restaurants, hotels and a rooftop observatory. The world-renowned Windows on the World restaurant occupied the North Tower's 107th floor.

In an unprecedented move by the Federal Aviation Administration, airports throughout the nation were shut down and all commercial airline flights were ordered to land at the nearest airport.

Many municipal buildings in New York and New Jersey also closed to allow employees an opportunity to locate family members who were still trapped in New York. Most local schools remained opened with counselors on hand to support students that were traumatized by the day's events. Many local students who have parents that work in New York were summoned to their school's guidance offices to be counseled and to ensure that they were released home to either a parent or emergency contact person at the close of the school day. Several local churches held or will hold special prayer services for those who were affected by the tragedies.

There is no word yet on the number of local families that will be seriously affected by the tragic events.

## Commuters

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horror, thinking something like this can happen here. Such an organized attack taking place over so many different places is just totally, unbelievable, totally unexpected. There just are no words."

## Emergency

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Information on Pentagon victims for families only: (877) 663-6772.

Medical Personnel and Volunteers: Registered nurses and emergency medical services, (800) 628-0193; Doctors, (518) 431-7600; all other volunteers, (800) 801-8092.

United Fund of Westfield, (908) 233-2113.

## Lara D. Rothschild

### Named to Dean's List

WESTFIELD — Lara D. Rothschild of Westfield was named to the Dean's List for the 2000-2001 academic year at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

## Rodger Curlik Begins

### Studies at St. Lawrence

WESTFIELD — St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. has welcomed Westfield resident Rodger V. Curlik into the Class of 2005.

# Local Towns and Residents Are Horrified By Terrorist Attacks In NYC and D.C.

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inside the city was "surreal," as deserted streets filled with huge plumes of smoke.

Mr. Echausse, along with thousands of New Jersey commuters, was stranded in New York for hours after the attacks.

"It was many hours before I could verify that my brothers, who work near the World Trade Center, were safe," he said.

Westfield resident Richard McKinley works in Battery Park City at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Residences, less than a quarter of a mile away from the Twin Towers. He was at his company's construction site when the first plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Along with approximately 300 co-workers on his job site, Mr. McKinley watched the flames and debris billow out of the gaping hole in the North Tower, then watched in disbelief and horror as the second plane slammed into the South Tower.

Mr. McKinley and his co-workers watched the Twin Towers burning for several minutes, until his job site was evacuated.

"We were told to go to an area in Battery Park City about 100 yards away from our job site," Mr. McKinley related. The park was filled with thousands of shocked and frightened employees who had been evacuated, he said.

Many of those waiting in the park made attempts to call home on their cellular telephones, which were not working, he related. Some family members could call in, however. Among them was Mr. McKinley's wife, Ingrid, a photographer with *The Leader*, who reached her husband to confirm that he was safe.

While he was on the phone with his wife, the first Tower suddenly collapsed. At that moment, Mrs. McKinley saw the tower collapse on television and also lost cell phone contact with her husband.

"I was frightened," Mrs. McKinley said. "I could only imagine all of the horrible things that might be happening to him."

"I saw the top 20 floors fall on the floors below," Mr. McKinley recalled. "The columns tumbled out like toothpicks. Plumes of thick, dark smoke billowed out, engulfing the park and plunging thousands of people in the park into total blindness. Ashes, concrete dust and debris were flying everywhere. Everyone was covered in dust and soot."

Mr. McKinley said that up until the collapse, the crowds of people had remained pretty calm and orderly. However, when the thick billows of smoke and debris filled the air, that calm exploded into panic, as terrified citizens began to run and scream.

"I couldn't see anything and lost my sense of direction. It was total chaos," Mr. McKinley remembered. "I could hear jets flying overhead. I didn't know if the attacks were over or if I'd get out alive."

Mr. McKinley said that along with thousands of other people, he spent the next two hours waiting in the lobby of a nearby building. They were advised by emergency personnel to wait inside until the smoke and debris cleared.

"I was thankful to be inside because it was difficult to breathe outside," he stated.

While waiting in the lobby, Mr. McKinley's thoughts returned to his family. He said he felt a tremendous need to make his way uptown, but wasn't sure if it was safe to leave the building. Meanwhile, in New Jersey, his wife grew increasingly anxious, as cell phone service was not working.

Eventually, Mr. McKinley managed to call his secretary, who then called his wife to tell her the good news: Mr. McKinley was still alive and safe.

She was relieved, but like so many other people, still in shock. So was her husband. They both had friends and co-workers who worked in the Trade Center area.

Scotch Plains resident Michael Bush witnessed the second plane crash from a train window, while en route to his job in the city.

"Our illusion of security has been shattered," Mr. Bush commented. His wife, Lois Bush, remarked that, "our lives and the safety we had are forever changed and will never be the same again, especially for our children."

Fellow Scotch Plains resident Ruth Hancile, who also works in Midtown Manhattan, was on a bus on the New Jersey Turnpike when the first Tower was hit. The bus was forced to turn around and return to points in New Jersey.

"It was only by the grace of God that I was an hour late for work that morning," Mrs. Hancile said.

"These terrorists seem to know so much about our security systems and airport routines. Why don't we have the same intelligence about their activities as they have about us?" she asked.

"How were they allowed to slip through airport security with weapons? We obviously only had the

illusion of security at our airports," she added.

By Tuesday night, it was still unknown how many New Jersey residents were trapped inside New York City or how many local fami-

lies had lost a loved one in the day's horrific events. More than 50,000 people worked in the World Trade Center and over 200,000 people traveled through the Towers on a daily basis.

What is known is that this area, particularly Westfield, has a very high commuter ridership into New York City. It is expected to be high before exact numbers of injuries and fatalities are reported.

## Town Police Department Initiates Speed Limit Car 25 mph Program

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD -- In an effort to continue its efforts to make Westfield a safer town for pedestrians and bicyclists, the local police department last week unveiled its new Speed Limit Car program.

The program follows on the heels of the Safe Operating Speed program initiated this past spring by the department. That program consisted of educating drivers on the town's speed limit followed by warnings and, finally, summons to drivers.

Noting a rise of traffic accidents over the past three years including several pedestrian fatalities, Police Chief Bernard Tracy stated, "This is our response to those problems."

Under the latest program, residents pledge to drive the 25 mph speed limit and to be "courteous to pedestrians and cyclists." They will also display a Speed Limit Car placard in the rear window of their vehicle.

The Speed Limit Car program will be conducted in consort with the Neighborhood Watch Program and combined with crime watch and traffic safety efforts of the police department.

"Our goal is to make Westfield a safer community for all," said Police Captain Robert Compton.

Chief Tracy said the success of the program will involve a change in habits of drivers, such as getting up earlier in the morning and being better organized to avoid having to make up time by speeding.

"So instead of making up the time on the street you are making it up in other ways," explained Chief Tracy.

As part of the promotion efforts for the program, 18 banners were hung around the town's school zones with another six in the downtown. The signs are yellow with black lettering; the "Safe Operating Speed" portion in blue.

Sherry Cronin, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corpo-

ration, coordinated the effort of the placement of the banners.

Ms. Cronin said the Westfield Parent Teacher Organization shared in the cost of the banners displayed at the schools. The B.R.A.K.E.S. (Bik-

ers, Runners and Kids Entitled to Safety) has given its support to the program.

"I think it's great. I hope it will be successful because we really find a way to slow the drivers down," said Dieder Gelinne of B.R.A.K.E.S.



Ingrid McKinley for The Westfield Leader

LAUNCHING PROGRAM... Standing below a downtown "Speed Limit Car 25" banner, left to right, are Dieder Gelinne of the B.R.A.K.E.S. Group of Westfield, Police Chief Bernard Tracy, Sarah Strohecker of the BRAKES Group, Police Captain Robert Compton and Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Sherry Cronin.

## Temple Emanu-El Dedicates New Jewish Learning Center

WESTFIELD — They gathered at one congregation at Westfield's Temple Emanu-El last weekend for the dedication of the new Charles A. Kroloff Center for Jewish Learning in Westfield.

"This beautiful building will serve those from 2 years to their senior years," said Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco, who was among the dignitaries in attendance for the event. "It stands to nourish the hearts and minds of the Jewish community."

"We must remember we are here to do what we can for people in need and provide hope for those that are suffering," added Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger (R-District 22).

Complimenting the "overwhelming generosity, enthusiasm and volunteerism of Temple Emanu-El congregants," Mayor Gregory S. McDermott praised "the magnificence of the entire celebratory event."

The building will accommodate the new religious school and house the temple's adult education programs. With the addition of 16 classrooms, there will be space for approximately 100 preschool children, and those from kindergarten through grade 12.

The late Herbert and Frances Brody donated the Early Childhood Center. Accessible for the physically challenged, the structure is equipped with a four-stop elevator and a multi-purpose room. Easily subdivided for study, religious and community programs, the new Lehr Library has space for 6,000 books.

Outdoors, a colorful large playground stands ready for preschool participants.

"I read somewhere, that if you build it, they will come," said Westfield resident and orthodontist Dr. Stan Gersch, who with Bill Maderer of Scotch Plains chaired the Building Fund.

"Temple Emanu-El was here for us when we came to Westfield. We want to insure that it will always remain a place for our children to grow, learn and worship," he added. "Not only were parents with children in the religious and preschools generous with their donations, but congregants with grown children were forthcoming."

"We raised enough money to set up an endowment fund for the building's maintenance and upkeep," Mr.

Maderer said.

The lead gift was donated by former Westfield residents Warren and Mitzi Eisenberg of Short Hills, who chose to name the building after Rabbi Kroloff. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street.

"If it weren't for Rabbi Kroloff, we would not need this building," said Mr. Eisenberg, an executive officer of Bed Bath and Beyond. "It is because of his leadership that the temple has grown to require more space. He is held in high regard by members of the community — Jews and non Jews alike."

"We did it!" sang Ina Golub, quoting music from the Lerner and Lowe musical *My Fair Lady*. "It was a magical metamorphosis from caterpillar to majestic butterfly."

A renowned fiber-artist, congregation member and Mountaineer resident, Ms. Golub designed the Arc, Curtain, Valance and the five Torah Covers.

Coordinator of every facet of the building project, and Executive Director of Temple Emanu-El, Carolyn Shane said, "I believe everyone contributed more than 110 percent of their time, effort and energies to make our dream a reality."

The Dedication Ceremony Week-

end festivities began with a traditional Friday Shabbat meal served in the early evening. From there, close to 800 members of the congregation walked the new halls leading into the sanctuary. There, everyone participated in a Shabbat Hallelu, (a musical celebration) and the dedication of the new Arc.

Saturday began with a series of early morning services, followed by an evening cocktail party and the dedication of new High Holy Torah Covers.

"Sunday was the culmination of one of the most memorable events in our temple's history," said Marci Schoenbach, who chaired the Rededication Committee, of the dedication of the new center Sunday morning.

"With the Kroloff Center, we'll be able to meet the needs of the congregational family," said Michael Kenny building Superintendent.

"The Charles A. Kroloff Center for Jewish Learning is an educational resource for our children and the children of the future," added Stephen Rosenberg, President of the temple.

Rabbi Kroloff himself summed up the milestone occasion by saying, "This is the day which God has made."

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This article was submitted by Millicent K. Brody of Temple Emanu-El.



Cheri Rogowsky for The Westfield Leader

DEDICATION... The congregation at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield gathered last weekend for the dedication of the new Charles A. Kroloff Center for Jewish Learning in Westfield.

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