

Rabbi Hammer to Lecture On Ways to Overcome Evil

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, Wilf Jewish Community Campus in Scotch Plains, will present Rabbi Reuven Hammer, Vice President of the International Rabbinical Assembly, on Wednesday, February 20, at 10:30 a.m.

A lecturer, author, teacher and spiritual leader, he will address the Jewish response to terrorist attacks in the United States and Israel.

Rabbi Hammer's lecture, entitled "Living With Uncertainty: Reflections of the Psalms," will focus on how people everywhere have been impacted by the evil which seems to

be a part of human nature and how it can be overcome. He will also discuss how insights from the psalms and tradition may ease living amidst difficult conditions.

The New Jersey Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism will sponsor this program free of charge to the community.

The Wilf Jewish Community Campus is located at 1391 Martine Avenue. Pre-registration is strongly recommended to insure seating. Interested individuals are asked to call Nan Statton, Director of Adult and Senior Services, at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 207.

Fanwood Seniors Announce Officers, Upcoming Trips

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Senior Citizens Club holds its meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 11 a.m. Meetings are

Interfaith Singles Post February Meetings

WESTFIELD — Interfaith Singles, a support group for single adults over age 45, holds weekly discussions on successful single living.

Meetings will be held on Sundays, February 10, 17 and 24, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

Continental breakfast is available and a \$2 donation is requested. For further information, please call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

Area Residents Asked To Remember Vets Through Valentines

AREA — The Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association is asking people to remember hospitalized veterans with a valentine card or letter during the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, which will take place during the week of February 10 to 17.

Anyone wishing to send a valentine card or letter is asked to address it to the nearest Veterans Administration Medical Center or drop it off in person. The addresses of Veterans Administration facilities may be obtained by calling (800) 827-1000, toll-free, or visit www.va.gov.

Holy Trinity Seniors To Meet February 11

WESTFIELD — The regular meeting of the Senior Social Club of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield will be held on Monday, February 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium/auditorium of the elementary school.

The entrance to the building is on First Street. Entertainment will be provided by the Harmonica Band from the Union Township Recreation Department. Refreshments will be served.

A trip to The Tides has been planned for Friday, March 15.

Seminar to Address Relationship Between Parents, Caregivers

SUMMIT — Carol Bandini, an author and therapist, will facilitate a discussion of the issues surrounding at-home child care using her book, "Child Care for Love or Money: A Guide to Navigating the Parent-Caregiver Relationship".

This program will be held at the Women's Resource Center, located at 31 Woodland Avenue, in Summit, on Tuesday, February 26, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. There will be a fee of \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Interested individuals are asked to call the center at (908) 273-7253 by Friday, February 22, to register. For information about similar programs, please call the center or visit www.womensource.org and click on Parenting Issues.

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GARDENERS FOR ALL SEASONS...Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield recently paid a holiday visit to the Jardine Academy of the Union County Cerebral Palsy League, located in Cranford, bringing handmade mitten ornaments and presenting the students with pairs of mittens, along with a book entitled "The Mitten Tree." Club members, pictured left to right with a student at the Academy, are: Standing, Fran Brader, Beth Hanscom, Kris Luka, Colleen Schmidt and Janet Gardner, with Linda Parker kneeling in foreground.

First United Methodist Plans Lenten Activities

WESTFIELD — The First United Methodist Church of Westfield has announced its special events for Lent.

On February 12, a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held in the Social Hall, with continuous serving from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5.25 per person; children age 5 and under are free, with a maximum donation per family of \$15.75.

Proceeds from the supper will benefit the church's Scholarship Fund. Live jazz music will be performed throughout the evening.

Every Wednesday during Lent, a half hour chapel service will be held at 6:30 a.m. in Room No. 218. Holy Communion will be offered, with special music selected by the church's Worship, Music and Arts group.

There will be a Lenten Journey on the six Wednesday evenings during Lent, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Different types of meditation will be taught and practiced under the leadership of the Reverend David Harwood and Norma Hockenjos.

The schedule is as follows: February 13, "Introduction to Three Kinds of Meditation;" February 20, "Introduction to Labyrinth;" February 27, "Experiencing Meditation;" March 6, "Walking the Labyrinth," and March 13 and 20, "Lexico Divina" (Meditation with the Scriptures). The group is limited to 20 people. To register, please call the church office at (908) 233-4211.

In addition, the Worship, Music and Arts Ministry has produced a Lenten devotional booklet that includes readings for each day of Lent. The booklet is available in the church office, located at 1 East Broad Street.

Woman's Guild to Hold 'Market Place 2002'

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Woman's Guild of St. John's Baptist Church, located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains, will celebrate Black History Month on Saturday, February 16, with "Market Place 2002," from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the church.

A variety of vendors selling greeting cards, clothing and accessories, pictures, dolls, chocolate and other wares will participate in the event. Dinners will also be sold. For more information, please call (908) 232-6972.

followed by a speaker and coffee, bagels and rolls are served at each meeting.

Officers include President Helen Boguszewski, Secretary Gerry Inman and Treasurer Jean Russiello. The positions of first and second Vice President are currently vacant.

Club events include one-day trips to the Atlantic City casinos and various luncheons around the state with entertainment.

An overnight trip is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22, to Atlantic City's Trump Plaza.

In addition, a five-day, four-night trip to Maine's central coast is planned for Monday through Friday, June 17 to 21. While the trip is currently sold out, interested individuals may have their names placed on a waiting list by calling Overnight Tour Director Art Badala at (908) 889-4494.

Westfield Newcomers Club Reveals February Events

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Newcomers Club has planned a variety of activities for February.

The Children's Committee will meet for playtime, stories and songs with "Miss Arlene" today, February 7, and Thursday, February 21, at 9:45 a.m. at the Burger King in Clark.

A Valentine's Day Card Making Party, geared toward children of all ages, is scheduled for Friday, February 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Westfield Community Center.

An Open Gym and Lunch is planned for Monday, February 25, with the open gym to be held from 11 a.m. to noon at the Robin's Nest Playcare Center. Lunch will follow at the Cranford Burger King. The Children's Committee also offers age-based children's play groups.

On Saturday, February 16, the Social Committee will hold a Beer and Wine Tasting Event, open to club members and spouses, at 8 p.m. at a member's home. Each couple is asked to bring their favorite wine or beer for sampling. The Annual Progressive Dinner is set for Saturday, March 23.

The Dinner Committee's Ladies Dinner Out is set for Tuesday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northside Trattoria, 16 Prospect Street in Westfield.

The Activities Committee Recipe Exchange will take place on Wednesday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. Each guest is asked to bring copies of their favorite appetizer, entrée and dessert recipes, along with either their appetizer or dessert for sampling.

A New Member Tea will be held on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. The tea is open to anyone who has been in the club for one year or less.

The Newcomers Club is open to women over age 21 who are new residents of Westfield or who have experienced a change in lifestyle such as the birth or adoption of a baby, a marriage, job change or move within the town.

For more information about the Newcomers Club or any of the upcoming events, please call Carrie Votta at (908) 389-9248 or Renee Cox at (908) 233-5605.



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Presbyterian Church Reveals Dates for Lenten Services

WESTFIELD — The Presbyterian Church in Westfield will commence its Lenten season activities with two services on Ash Wednesday, February 13, both offering the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

There will be a noon service in the Chapel and an evening service at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the church, located at 140 Mountain Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the evening service, a light soup and sandwich supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Parish House. Reservations must be made through the church office by calling (908) 233-0301.

Lenten soup and bread luncheons will be served in the Assembly Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services on February 17 and 24, and March 3, 10 and 17.

Evening prayer services, with Holy Communion provided, will be held in the Chapel on Tuesdays, beginning February 19, at 7 p.m.

There will be an All Church Lenten Program on Wednesday, March 13, in the Assembly Hall. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by two workshops, each lasting 45 minutes. They will be repeated so that those attending can take advantage of both programs.

Dr. William Ross Forbes, Senior Pastor of the church, will discuss his recent sabbatical study of Celtic Spirituality at one workshop.

In the other, Norma Hockenjos, a Deacon and certified Christian educator in the United Methodist Church, will lead participants in a labyrinth where they will have an opportunity

to explore their feelings, questions and reflections.

During the workshops, other programs will be available for children in preschool through fifth grade. Reservations will be necessary.

For further information, please call the church office at (908) 233-0301.

New Speaker Revealed For Y Black Achievers Banquet This Evening

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y, located at 220 Clark Street, has announced that the speaker for the fourth annual Black Achievers Banquet, scheduled for tonight, February 7, at 6:30 p.m., has changed.

The dinner, to be held at The Westwood in Garwood, will honor those involved with the Black Achievers program and will now feature Congressman Ed Town as the keynote speaker. The cost is \$75 per person.

The mission of the Y Black Achievers Program is the building of community partnerships in which young people are encouraged to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body.

By matching youth with achieving African-American professionals as role models, the program aims to raise the academic standards of young people, expose students to diverse career options and inspire them to reach for their goals.

For more information about the banquet or the Black Achievers program, please call Doreen Thaxton, Community Outreach Director of the Westfield Y, at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 268.

Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Installs Officers at Dinner

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad installed its newly-elected officers during its annual dinner on January 5.

Robert Speth returned as President. Joining him are First Vice President Robert Gurske, Second Vice President Robert Foerster, Secretary Jean Lozowski and Treasurer Harold Hill. Deborah Speth, William McLaughlin and Daniel Sullivan will serve as delegates, with Susan Baldani, Robert Foerster and Kim Rivera as alternates.

The line officers are Captain Joanne Gurske, First Lieutenant Joan Lozowski and Second Lieutenant Ernesto Hernandez.

The squad also honored Mr. Hernandez for 20 years of service; Edward Sorge, Maureen Garbinski, Jeffrey Frank, Jerry Handsman, David Smith and Brian Cheney for 10 years, and David Thurston and Jennifer Perryman for five years.

During 2001, rescue squad members donated 9,930 man hours and responded to 1,303 calls. The squad

received most of its calls between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Illness in the home was the most common reason for a call, followed by illness outside the home, accidents in the home and motor vehicle accidents.

Founded in 1937, the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is the oldest emergency medical service organization of its kind in Union County. The squad depends entirely on volunteers and voluntary contributions to continue providing service to the community.

Squad members undergo a rigorous course of training that leads to certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) by the New Jersey Department of Health and the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the rescue squad or making a contribution to help defray its expenses is asked to contact the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad at 1916 Bartle Avenue, Scotch Plains 07076 or call (908) 322-4120.



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