

## Bone Marrow-Blood Drive To Benefit Local Mother

WESTFIELD - A bone marrow and blood drive will be held on Sunday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in honor of Joanne Heller-Saunders, a Westfield mother of two-and-a-half-year-old twins, who desperately needs a bone marrow transplant.

Ms. Heller-Saunders, 45, has suffered with Crohn's Disease for more than 25 years and has endured several major surgeries. She has dealt with numerous complications of the disease including thyroid problems and debilitating rheumatoid arthritis.

Over the last several years, she has been stricken with a very rare associated autoimmune disorder. Her dysfunctional immune system is breaking down rapidly, putting her at risk for major complications and death.

She has been receiving frequent large blood transfusions, an average of nine units, every 10 to 14 days to sustain her life. For more than two years, Ms. Heller-Saunders has been on the National Bone Marrow list in search of a donor, but there have been no exact matches to date. Without a bone marrow transplant, Joanne may not live long enough to see her young children go to elementary school.

The purpose of the donor drive is to recruit bone marrow donors for Ms. Heller-Saunders and the national registry, assist with the local blood supply and help Ms. Heller-Saunders with her regular blood transfusions. Even if a person does not match Ms. Heller-Saunders, he or she could be a potential match for someone else.

Potential donors must be between 18 and 60 years old and meet general health guidelines. A painless cotton

swab of cells from the inside of the cheek is performed and tested to determine the donor's tissue type.

Potential donors also will be asked to complete a brief health questionnaire and sign a consent form to have their tissue type listed on the registry. The entire process averages 10 to 15 minutes.

Financial support from the community also is needed. The laboratory cost for volunteers to be tissue-typed and entered in the national registry is \$60. While anyone willing to be tested is welcome, regardless of ability to pay, contributions before and during the drive are encouraged to help cover the cost of testing.

Checks may be made payable to the Marrow Foundation and mailed to the Marrow Foundation, 400 Seventh Street, NW, Suite 206, Washington, D.C. 20004. "Joanne Heller-Saunders" should be written on the memo line so the donation goes directly to her cause. To make a contribution with a credit card, individuals may visit [www.themarrowfoundation.org](http://www.themarrowfoundation.org) and list "Joanne Heller-Saunders" as the cause.

The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. No appointments are necessary for marrow screenings but are requested for blood donations and may be made by calling (201) 251-3703. Walk-ins also will be welcome. For more information, please access [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org) or [www.themarrowfoundation.org](http://www.themarrowfoundation.org) or contact Danielle at the HLA Registry at 1-(800) 336-3363 or [DanielleO@BCRBC.org](mailto:DanielleO@BCRBC.org).

### AIDS Ministries Set Remembrance Event

WESTFIELD/MOUNTAINSIDE - The AIDS Support Ministries of Holy Trinity, St. Helen's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes have planned a Week-end of Remembrance this Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, at St. Helen's Parish Center in Westfield.

It will serve as an opportunity to reflect on the growing crisis of this global pandemic. Ten panels of the Names Quilt will be displayed, remembering those who have died of HIV/AIDS. An educational film will be shown and other material will be available. Located at Lambert's Mill Road and Rahway Avenue, the Parish Center will be open to all visitors from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

### Bible Study Program To Look at Sabbath

WESTFIELD - The Redeemer Lutheran Church and Beth El Messianic Congregation have invited area residents to their monthly Messianic fellowship and Bible study program.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at 229 Cowperthwaite Place in Westfield.

This month, the topic will be the spiritual significance of the Sabbath, both its origin and its observance. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. For more information, please call (908) 232-1517.



**DONATIONS GIVEN...**The Fanwood Clean Community Committee recently donated environmental/recycling educational CDs and books to Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools through a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection grant. Pictured, from left to right, are: Front row, Eileen Raszka (Coles), committee member Linda Talcott, Barbara Madurski (Terrill), Eunice Ellard (Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School), Laura Coburn (Brunner), Erica Moon (McGinn), Terry Keller (Evergreen) and Terene Labrecque (School One), and back row, committee members Bob McCarthy, Ray Manfra, Clint Dickson and Greg Cummings.

## Miller-Cory to Recall Life Of Continental Soldier

WESTFIELD - "The Life of a Continental Soldier" will be featured this Sunday, June 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. It is described as ideal for both adults and children.

In 1781, the War for American Independence essentially ended when British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington at Yorktown. A small, determined army had defeated one of the most powerful fighting forces in the world.

On Sunday, Lowell Schantz of Westfield will present the perspective of the Continental Army soldier, discussing field conditions, rations and discipline. The program also will include a display of numerous items used by each soldier, including gun cleaning equipment, musket balls and cartridges and a presentation of the soldier's weaponry, equipment and uniform.

Costumed docents will provide tours of the restored farmhouse throughout the afternoon. In the museum's Frazee Building, members of the Cooking Committee will demonstrate open hearth cooking techniques and offer taste treats for visitors to sample.

The museum's gift shop, which carries a wide variety of Colonial toys, crafts, cookbooks and educational materials, also will be open for business.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under age six. On Saturday, June 24, the museum will hold its annual "Aunt Carrie's Attic Sale" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call the museum at (908) 232-1776 on weekday mornings.

### Thrift Shop to Hold Bag Day on Saturday

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Service League's Thrift Shop, located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield, will hold its annual end-of-the-year Bag Day Sale on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On that day, customers may fill a grocery-size bag for \$5, and there will be no limit on the amount of bags one can purchase. Women's, men's and children's clothing, books, shoes and household items will be available.

The non-profit Service League also runs a consignment shop on the second floor. Both shops will be closed for the summer. Sale proceeds will be donated to local charities. For more information, please call (908) 233-2530.

## Garden Tour to Showcase Lush and Varied Displays

WESTFIELD - The Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor "The Other Side of the Fence" garden tour this Saturday, June 10. Gardens at eight homes will be featured, among them two of the largest private gardens in the Westfield-Mountainside area.

At the large Victorian house on Westfield Avenue in Westfield, built in 1871 and owned by Sherry and Roy Pascal, a brick path leads visitors through a wrought iron fence to a series of English-style settings of roses and perennials. The large rose garden, entered through a trellis of climbing roses, contains about 75 different varieties, including many old English representatives. Beyond it is a swimming pool surrounded by rose shrubs and perennials. At the rear of the house stands a large old barn with a playhouse for the three Pascal children, who have a garden of their own.

The other large garden on the tour, designed and tended by owner Nancy Priest with help from her husband, David, is located on Kimball Circle adjacent to the Echo Lake Country Club golf course in Westfield. While she has a professional landscaper, Mrs. Priest has herself created a large patio garden and multiple smaller plots around the property.

The entrance to her large patio has an iron gate to keep visiting deer at bay. Planted alongside it are a Japanese fringe tree with feathery white flowers plus holly, crepe myrtle and other shrubs. Visitors can walk along paths to view a series of small gardens that lie at the edge of the wooded area surrounding the house and also stroll through the Chinese garden designed by Mrs. Priest in front of the house.

On the tour as well will be the Elm Street home of Earl and Pat Frawley, also known as the historic Charles Addams House, where the couple and their family have lived for 30 years. The cozy, two-story house is a sharp contrast to the slightly weird drawings of ghostly old structures the late Mr. Addams made famous in his many cartoons and cover drawings for the *New Yorker* magazine.

Mrs. Frawley has created a series of flower beds both in front of and behind her house. In the rear garden, purple clematis and roses twine over trellises. There also are orchids, hellebore and a "contorted fig," among other plants. She additionally has a garage she uses as a "hospital for sick plants," a potting shed and a playground for the Frawley grandchildren.

Rounding out the tour stops is the brownstone Wychwood Road house owned by Bruce and Amy Jester. Built circa 1741, it was moved some years ago to its present site on Maplewood.

Peonies, rambling roses and lilacs line an old wooden split rail fence at the front of the property. There also is a fish pond filled with water lilies and large goldfish, bordered by four life-size antique statues of Grecian women. Borders of perennial and annual plants abound, and in one corner is a sizeable vegetable garden.

The garden tour will take place rain or shine from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for a donation of \$15, or \$20 on the day of the event, from members of the Garden Club or at Baron's Drug Store and Williams Nursery in Westfield; Christoffers Flowers in Mountainside and Irma's Hallmark in Fanwood.



**TOUR THE GARDEN...**The Westfield Avenue home of Roy and Sherry Pascal, pictured above, is one of eight stops on "The Other Side of the Fence" garden tour this Saturday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Westfield, the tour will feature elaborate gardens in Westfield and Mountainside.

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