

## Temple Shavuot Celebration To Offer Various Activities

WESTFIELD – Temple Emanu-El of Westfield will celebrate Shavuot, the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, on Tuesday, May 22, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Intergenerational learning programs and activities will be featured for all age groups from kindergarten through adult. All are welcome.

Between 5 and 6 p.m., there will be

### Tickets Now Available For St. Peter by the Sea

WESTFIELD – On Saturday, June 2, the Reverend Alphonse Stephenson will bring his Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea back to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue, for a concert to benefit the Youth and Family Counseling Service (YFCS). It will begin at 8 p.m. and feature a program of light classical music.

Tickets are now available at the following locations: Michelle's Hallmark, North Union Avenue in Cranford; Irma's Hallmark, Martine Avenue South in Fanwood; The Town Book Store and New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, both on East Broad Street in Westfield, and YFCS on Prospect Street in Westfield.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission; \$20 for senior citizens over 65 and \$10 for students 18 and under. Patron seating is available for \$100. Sponsorship listing in the evening's program, which includes two patron tickets to the concert, is available for a contribution of \$300. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call YFCS at (908) 233-2042.

arts and crafts for children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents and other family members.

From 6 to 7:15 p.m., a Community Shavuot Dinner will be offered. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$8 per child. Children under age 5 may attend for free. To sign up for the dinner, please visit [tewnj.org](http://tewnj.org). There is no charge for any other portion of the evening.

Temple Emanu-El clergy will lead Shavuot services from 7:15 to 8 p.m. "Leil Iyyun: A Night of Learning" will comprise three classes, each lasting from 8 to 9 p.m., that will enable participants to partake in the Shavuot tradition of studying Torah.

Cantor Martha Novick will present "An Hour in the Tropics," during which attendees will learn about trope, the ancient music to which the Torah is chanted.

"Studying with Our Ancestors," led by Senior Rabbi Doug Sagal, will explore how studying the Torah through the eyes of medieval Jewish commentators can be an enriching experience.

"An Inconvenient Torah," with Rabbis Jennifer Clayman and Leah Doberne-Schor, will offer a look at environmental protection from a Jewish perspective.

Between 9 and 9:30 p.m., participants will come together for a closing Standing Together ritual, re-enacting the moment at Mount Sinai as a temple community.

On Wednesday, May 23, a Shavuot morning service will take place at 10 a.m., during which yizkor will be read.

The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street. For more information, please call Carolyn Shane at (908) 232-6770 or visit [tewnj.org](http://tewnj.org).



KEEPING THE PAST ALIVE... Christopher Miller of Westfield stands in the new archive room that he created in the Parish House of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. A member of Boy Scout Troop 72, he received his Eagle Scout Award during a Court of Honor March 12 in the sanctuary of the church.

## Christopher Miller Becomes Eagle Scout at Ceremony

WESTFIELD – Christopher Miller of Westfield received his Eagle Scout Award on March 12 at a Court of Honor held by Boy Scout Troop 72 in the sanctuary of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn. During the ceremony at which he received his Eagle Award, longtime friend and neighbor Laurie Clancy spoke to the audience on Chris' character and activities.

For his Eagle project, Chris moved, refurbished and organized The Presbyterian Church archives into a new archive room at the church.

The archives include records of membership, people's dates of birth and death, marriages, committee activities and notes and the various preachers who served the church.

Additionally, the archives contain records of old paintings and photographs of the Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian burial grounds and Westfield.

Chris arranged into a new display case in the church library many of the documents and artifacts that had been

### Sun Tavern Gathering Open to Single Parents

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Area "Y" invites single and divorced mothers and fathers to enjoy a night out without the children on Friday, June 1, at the Sun Tavern in Fanwood. Participants will meet at 7:30 p.m. for adult conversation at this sports-themed restaurant, located at 15 South Avenue.

Attendees should ask for the "Y" group. Responses are required. Interested individuals are asked to call Jill Brown at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 415, or e-mail [jill.brown1@comcast.net](mailto:jill.brown1@comcast.net).

### Mothers Group Posts Annual Garage Sale

WESTFIELD – The fourth annual Mothers and More garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street.

The sale will feature baby items, toys, clothes in sizes from newborn through adult, household goods and furniture, among other merchandise.

Proceeds will benefit the Union County Chapter of Mothers and More, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. For more information, please call Donna Clarke at (908) 889-8072.

stored out of sight in the previous storage vault. With the advice and support of the Westfield Historical Society, Chris cataloged the records into a searchable Access database to facilitate future use by the church.

He also built two large map cases to house the many large maps of The Presbyterian Church and multiple old blueprints of different renovations that have taken place at the church campus over the past two centuries.

A longtime member of Troop 72, Chris attended meetings and troop activities even before he was eligible to join in the fifth grade. He accompanied his two older brothers, Kieran and Ryan, who also received their Eagle awards from Troop 72, on troop activities.

Chris is a junior at Westfield High School, a newly elected member of the National Honor Society and a member of the French Club and the varsity cross country and track teams. He is the son of Douglas Miller and Carol Healey of Westfield.

### Angelo Saverino Due At Borough Library

MOUNTAINSIDE – Actor, author, sports agent and radio show host Angelo Saverino will be at the Mountainside Free Public Library on Tuesday, May 22, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Mr. Saverino will speak about his two books, share his observations, discuss his work experience and answer questions from the audience. Attendees are welcome to bring copies of his books for him to autograph, and free refreshments will be available.

The library is located on Constitution Plaza. Admission is free, but space is limited. To respond, please call (908) 233-0115 or sign up at the library circulation desk.

### St. John's to Observe Anniversary on Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS – St. John's Baptist Church, under the spiritual leadership of the Reverend Kelmo Porter, Jr., will celebrate its 98th anniversary on Sunday, May 20, during the 10 a.m. worship service.

The Reverend Jerry Carter from the Calvary Baptist Church in Morristown will be the guest speaker. Reverend Carter also will conduct St. John's Spring Revival to be held from Monday, May 21, through Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

St. John's Baptist Church is located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains. All are invited. For more details, please call the church at (908) 232-6972.

## Terrill Road Baptist Invites Kids to Be True 'Heroes'

SCOTCH PLAINS – Registration is currently underway for "Game Day Central – Where Heroes Are Made," this year's Vacation Bible School at the Terrill Road Baptist Church.

The program will take place Monday through Friday, July 30 to August 3, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. All children from age four up to those who will have completed sixth grade are eligible to participate.

In response to people sometimes being elevated to hero status for the wrong reasons, "Game Day Central – Where Heroes Are Made" will challenge youngsters to learn what it means to be a true hero and how to follow God's plan for their lives.

The theme is designed to help chil-

dren develop strength and the courage to stand their ground when dealing with various life situations, while feeling like part of a team.

Bible study, music, crafts, games and snacks will all be part of the week's activities. Each participant will receive a Bible and a special "Game Day Central" T-shirt. The program is free, but space is limited.

The Terrill Road Baptist Church is located at 1340 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. The Reverend William C. Page is pastor. For more information about the program or to register, please call the church at (908) 322-7151. Registration also may be completed online by visiting the church's website at [members.aol.com/terrillrbaptist/](http://members.aol.com/terrillrbaptist/).

### FUSP Garage Sale Set At Area Church June 2

AREA – The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, the congregation of which includes residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, will hold its annual garage sale on Saturday, June 2.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine at the FUSP church, located at 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield, just south of Seventh Street. Household goods, books, tools and other items donated by members will be featured.

For 20 years, the sale has been a major fundraiser for the church. More information about the church, its programs and events is available at [fusp.org](http://fusp.org) or by calling (908) 756-0750 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Author Book Signings Set at Hetfield House

MOUNTAINSIDE – A book signing event will take place on Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the historic Hetfield House, located on Constitution Plaza in Mountainside adjacent to the Mountainside Free Public Library.

Lifelong Mountainside resident Dina West, author of "Bloom and Grow With Your Learning Disability" and "Study Abroad Survival Guide," will be available to discuss and sign both of her books.

Also on hand will be Maurice Jeffers Lake, author of "The Mysterious Love Letters" (ages nine to 12) and "The Lighthouse Secret."

All are welcome. For more information on the book signing, please call (908) 338-3349.

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