



**GOOD EATS...**Rabbi Joel Abraham, above, mans the grill at an End of the Year Appreciation Night held in July by the Men's Club of Temple Shalom of Fanwood-Scotch Plains. The event recognized all who participated in the club during the year by volunteering together in the community and helping with temple projects and gatherings for events such as the club's monthly poker night. About 30 people attended the barbecue and potluck, including Men's Club members and their wives. For more information about the Men's Club and Temple Shalom, visit [sholomnj.org](http://sholomnj.org).

## Former Westfield Resident To Oversee Aid to Ukraine

WESTFIELD - Former Westfield resident and Westfield High School graduate Janina Jaruzelski was sworn in on July 18, as mission director for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Regional Mis-

sion in Ukraine.

As mission director of the Regional Mission in Ukraine, Ms. Jaruzelski will oversee nearly \$80 million in projects in Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. The Regional Mission provides assistance in areas that include democracy, governance, economic growth, energy infrastructure, health, education, HIV/AIDS and counter-trafficking in persons.

## Temple Shalom Holds Annual Barbecue

SCOTCH PLAINS - On July 17, the Social Action Committee of Temple Shalom held its annual summer barbecue at the home of the committee's chairperson, Ira Stern, and his wife, June.

During the past year, the committee has raised money for CROP Walk (an interfaith organization dedicated to fighting world hunger), organized food drives, hosted blood drives and continued to support St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark by organizing meatloaf drives and serving food. The committee also plans and orchestrates the congregation's annual Mitzvah Day, during which members of Temple Shalom volunteer in the local community and the world.

"We have a high level of commitment to social action at Temple Shalom," said Mr. Stern. "We believe that social action is integral to Reform Judaism. Our goal is a year-long program that makes a positive impact on the wider community."

For more information about Temple Shalom, visit [sholomnj.org](http://sholomnj.org).

A member of the Senior Foreign Service, Ms. Jaruzelski began working for USAID in 1995 and has extensive experience in the Europe and Eurasia Region, after having served as Acting Mission Director, Deputy Mission Director and Regional Legal Advisor for USAID/Russia, as well as Legal Advisor to the Europe and Eurasia Bureau of USAID/Washington. Ms. Jaruzelski has also served in Egypt and Yemen.

Ms. Jaruzelski graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University and holds a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to her service at USAID, Jaruzelski was Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee, and served as Assistant Counsel to the Clerk of the U.S., House of Representatives. She also worked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and at Macmillan Publishing Company.

For more information on USAID and its programs in Ukraine, visit [usaid.gov](http://usaid.gov).

## Scotch Plains Resident Nominated for IT Award

SCOTCH PLAINS - Joey Rizzolo of Scotch Plains was nominated for a New York Innovative Theatre Award (IT Awards) for Outstanding Ensemble for his work in *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind*, which was produced by New York Neo-Futurists.

Mr. Rizzolo said, "If my colleagues move others to half the degree that they move me, then they have truly defined themselves as artists of the highest echelon."

"The Neo-Futurists consistently embed some of the most dangerous ingredients of any medium into their work, and in doing so, they challenge perceptions, bring people closer to theater in general and even move people to action. Every day, I count myself blessed to be a part of this company, and I only hope I can live up to the standard set by my peers," he added.

The nominees were announced at a sold-out event on July 21 that was attended by more than 500 artists and guests. The awards will be presented on September 22 at a ceremony held at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

The IT Awards are given annually to honor individuals and organizations who have achieved artistic excellence in Off-Off-Broadway theatre. The New York IT Awards recognizes the unique and essential role

Off-Off-Broadway plays in contributing to American and global culture, and believes publicly recognizing excellence in Off-Off-Broadway theatre will expand audience awareness and appreciation of the full New York theatre experience.

## Fishing Derby on Tap For Disabled People

MOUNTAINSIDE - The 31st annual People with Disabilities Free Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, September 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The rain date will be the following Saturday, September 20.

Fishing tackle and bait will be provided, as will lunch, prizes for all registered participants and a clown/magic show.

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and The Tedesco Bunch of Rumson will sponsor the event.

Individuals may pre-register by calling Chris Monaco from the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4096. Volunteers are welcome and needed. For more information, call Fred Bercau, president, at (908) 753-4726.

## WF Resident to Spend Two Weeks Volunteering in Idaho

WESTFIELD - Jordyn Zucker of Westfield is spending two weeks as a Landmark Volunteer at Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area, a 750,000-acre recreation area managed by the Sawtooth Society.

Jordyn, daughter of David Zucker and Leslie Blitz, is a member of a team that will stay in bunkhouse cabins at Crooked Creek Ranch. Work will include constructing log worm fences, building new trails, assisting the Mountain Mamas at the annual Craft Fair and helping to cook and serve at the Stanley-Sawtooth Chamber of Commerce Pancake Breakfast.

Jordyn is a student at Westfield High School. She has participated in many sports, including track, soccer and crew.

She is a member of Club Fact and a participant in the Transition Project, a program that pairs juniors and seniors with incoming freshmen to help ease the transition to high school.

Jordyn also mentors middle school

girls at the YMCA and is a Geshar L'keshet leader at the temple she attends. Last summer, she helped to cook a dinner for the homeless that are sheltered there.

Landmark Volunteers, based in Sheffield, Mass., is a non-profit summer service organization offering high school students the opportunity to perform community service at nationally recognized historical, cultural, environmental and social service institutions located throughout the country. Now in its seventeenth year, Landmark Volunteers provides each host organization with an entire team of hard-working young people capable of accomplishing a great deal of much-needed manual labor.

For further information, see [volunteers.com](http://volunteers.com), e-mail [landmark@volunteers.com](mailto:landmark@volunteers.com), call (413) 229-0255 or mail: Landmark Volunteers, P.O. Box 455, Sheffield, MA 01257.



**GARDENING TIPS...**The Union County Master Gardeners recently hosted a garden tour to thank the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League (FSPSL) and the Social Action Committee (SAC) of the Unitarian Church in Summit for grant awards. Pictured, left to right, are: SAC member Claudia Cohen, Master Gardener T.J. Karns and Summit Unitarian Church's Jean Crichton in the Trailside Nature and Science Center's greenhouse in Mountainside.

## Club Sponsors Students Attending Career Institute

WESTFIELD - The Woman's Club of Westfield sponsored Rosa Campagna Salazar, niece of Irena Campagna, and Rosabla Vasquez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vasquez, all of Westfield, to take part in a four-day Girl's Career Institute (GCI) program held on the Douglass College for Women campus at Rutgers University earlier this summer.

The girls who attended the program were chosen by their prospective schools on the basis of ability, service and participation in school activities.

This "mini-college experience" included lectures and workshops, career opportunities for women detailed and discussed, along with sports activities and social time. The theme for the 2008 GCI was "Believe in Yourself," a topic suitable for young women of today looking forward to college and future careers.

Rosa and Rosabla, who will both enter their senior year at Westfield

## John Babish to Present Musical Performance

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey will host a musical program on Wednesday, August 13, featuring performer John Babish. Mr. Babish is known for his vocal and keyboard skills.

This event will take place at 11 a.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains. All are welcome to attend the program, which will include a kosher lunch afterward.

Tickets are \$12 for JCC members and \$18 for non-members. To make a reservation or obtain more information, contact Barbara Weisbart at [bweisbart@jccnj.org](mailto:bweisbart@jccnj.org) or (908) 889-8800, extension no. 207. More information is available at [jccnj.org](http://jccnj.org). The deadline for reservations is Monday, August 11.

The JCC of Central New Jersey is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

High School this September, said they found the experience informative, very worthwhile and fun.

The Woman's Club of Westfield along with other Woman's Clubs throughout the state of New Jersey sponsor students every year to attend this event.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) helped found Douglass College in 1912, and has sponsored the Girl's Career Institute since 1947.

## County Hiking Club Seeks New Members

AREA - The Union County Hiking Club offers a varied program of outdoor activities, providing wholesome recreation while contributing to physical fitness. Hiking and biking activities are scheduled throughout the week.

Most events take place in central and northern New Jersey. Membership dues are \$10 per year.

Prospective members are invited to try out the club by participating in up to three outings before joining.

To request a complimentary schedule, which includes a new member application, call (908) 527-4900.

## NJ Tax Program to Air On WVNJ This Friday

AREA - Nationally known economists Laurence Kotlikoff of Boston University and David Tuerck of the Beacon Hill Institute of Suffolk University are calling into the radio broadcast "Meet David Merker," heard on WVNJ 1160 AM, on Friday, August 8, from 1 to 2 p.m. to discuss taxes.

The featured guest, Jim Bennett, co-volunteer director of Americans for Fair Taxation for New Jersey, will talk about a tax that will allow taxpayers, instead of the Internal Revenue Service, to decide how much tax to pay and when to pay taxes, with no chance of an audit.

The program also streams on the Internet at [wvnj.com](http://wvnj.com). Click on "Listen Live." Listeners can call into the program at (800) 962-1160.

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