

Temple Sholom Invites All To Casino Night Benefit

FANWOOD – Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites members of the community to join in the fun at its Casino Night benefit event, which will take place on Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at the temple. The evening's activities will include such popular games as roulette, poker and blackjack, as well as auctions for goods and services. All funds raised will be used for Temple Sholom's multiple community, educational and religious programs. Tickets are \$36 for \$100 worth of casino chips. Chips may be used for gambling and to buy tickets to enter an end-of-the-evening raffle for prizes, including themed gift bas-

kets filled with hundreds of dollars worth of fun items and gift cards. Also included in the evening's festivities will be a live auction for items and services such as tickets to see the New York Yankees, private cooking classes, babysitting and professional home organizing. Refreshments will be included in the ticket price. To purchase tickets or obtain more information, visit sholomnj.org, e-mail office@sholomnj.org or call (908) 889-4900. Temple Sholom is located at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Avenue in Fanwood. Attendees are asked to enter through the door on Marian Avenue marked Temple Sholom.



A NIGHT AT THE CASINO... It has become a tradition for Temple Sholom Rabbi Joel Abraham to attend Casino Night in a tuxedo. Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains will hold its Casino Night on Saturday, May 12, beginning at 7 p.m. at the temple, located at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at 74 South Martine Avenue in Fanwood. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit sholomnj.org, e-mail office@sholomnj.org or call (908) 889-4900.

SP-F PTA Council Sets Anti-Bullying Seminar

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD – The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council is proud to bring you a program for parents, teachers and caretakers of all school age children and teens. It will be held on Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Auditorium. Scheduled to speak are: Superintendent of School Dr. Margaret Hayes; District Anti-Bullying Coordinator- Cailyn Taggart; Speaker-Sara Wasserman of SJW Consulting; Speaker Connie Palmer of Resolve and Speaker Cathy Cleary of Green Dot

The program will begin with an overview of the new legislation regarding the act of bullying in the schools. We will then move to describe the programs already in place in the schools and plans for the future. Participants will then be invited to participate in small groups, based upon three age levels. This unique opportunity provides each person a small group setting where examples of anti-bullying tactics will be given specific to that age group and then chance to ask questions. RSVPs are appreciated but not required and should be directed to Lisa Dunlap at SPFPTAVP@yahoo.com.



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Library Slates Music Events; Antique Appraisal in May

GARWOOD – The Garwood Public Library, located at 411 Third Avenue, will hold two musical events and one antique appraisal during the month of May. Charles and Pamela Horner will continue their series on the history of doo-wop with part two of "The Jersey Groups" on Wednesday, May

9, at 7 p.m. And on Wednesday, May 23, Keith Lewis and James Power will present their film, *A Lesson in A Cappella*, also at 7 p.m. This one-hour documentary will demonstrate how this type of music played a crucial role in the development of popular music, yet has not received the accolades it deserves. After the screening, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Power will be present to talk about why they made the film and why they feel this musical art form is so important to the music industry.

On Monday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m., representatives from Winterhill Antiques of Scotch Plains will be on hand to appraise items brought by members of the public. Each person attending is limited to three items that they can carry in to the library. At this event, coins and jewelry will not be appraised. As space is limited, early registration is requested. The Garwood Public Library is located at the back of the Lincoln School complex, at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street. Registration for these events can be made in person at the library, by calling (908) 789-1670 or at the interactive calendar page found at the library's website, yousemore.com/garwood. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The e-mail address for the library is garwoodlibrary@gmail.com.

Westfield Hadassah Plans 'Celebration of the Arts'

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will present "Celebration of the Arts 2012" on Sunday, May 6, at 2:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Country Club. Amanda Friss of Westfield will be presented with the 2012 Hadassah Leadership Award. Ms. Friss is a lifetime member of Hadassah, as is her daughter, Julia. She has been involved in the Westfield chapter for about 12 years and has held many positions in the organization.



Amanda Friss

Ms. Friss has served as co-leader of the young women's division of the Westfield chapter and has organized many of its fund-raising activities, including tennis events, cooking classes and movie nights. She also has written the newsletter for the young women's division.

She recently returned to school to receive certification as a teacher. Currently she is substitute teaching in Westfield, Garwood and Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools. Ms. Friss and her three children are members of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, where she has participated in social action projects, including a trip to New Orleans to help the local residents rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. Ms. Friss has also completed the Avon Breast Cancer three-day walk.

The "Celebration of the Arts" will feature music by Q.E.D. Jazz, a contemporary jazz group. The nucleus of Q.E.D. is composed of three seasoned local musicians whose repertoire includes jazz standards, Latin and contemporary tunes. Sylvia and Howard Cohen of Westfield have underwritten the musical portion of the program. For additional information about this event, call GERALYN LICHTENSTEIN at (908) 654-5855.

JCC Reveals May Programs For Older Americans Month

SCOTCH PLAINS – In honor of Older Americans Month, the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey's Adult Enrichment Department will offer a variety of programming for senior citizens in May. The theme for this year's Older Americans Month is "Never Too Old to Play." The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Kicking off the month will be Favorite Songs, on Wednesday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Bouer family in honor of their mother.

Historical impressionist Peter Small, a former history teacher, will bring President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to life, complete with a question-and-answer session, during an appearance on Monday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Precious Hands Homecare Agency will sponsor this program.

International singer and musician Harry Cover will present Sing-A-Long on Tuesday, May 8, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. He will entertain with

popular songs from around the world in a program sponsored by the Westfield Foundation.

Next up will be "How Not to Act Like a Little Old Lady" on Wednesday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Author Mary McHugh will lead a humorous and entertaining discussion, sponsored by BrightStar Lifecare.

Finally, Ornamental Variation, a live performance by a string quartet, sponsored by the Westfield Foundation, will be featured on Tuesday, May 22, from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

Seniors also can enroll in "Introduction to Art for Adults," a weekly class beginning Tuesday, May 1, and running through Tuesday, June 5, and "Hands on Digital Photography for Adults" on Sunday, May 20, and Sunday, June 3.

All of these programs are open to the community. Cost information can be found at jccnj.org. For more information, contact Barbara Weisbart, adult enrichment director, at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 207, or bweisbart@jccnj.org.

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