

Jewish Federation Honors Rabbi Glazer and Ms. Shane

WESTFIELD – Rabbi Erin Glazer and Executive Director Carolyn Shane of Temple Emanu-El of Westfield were honored June 4 at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey (JFCNJ). The event was held at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey in Scotch Plains. Rabbi Glazer received the Rabbinic Leadership Award and Ms. Shane received the Special Recognition Award.

According to Amy Cooper, associate executive vice-president of the JFCNJ, the award presented to Rabbi Glazer was in recognition of her organization of activities that were “very supportive of the work of the Federation.”

Among these was her participation in organizing activities and delivering the d’var Torah for the community Yom HaShoah Program at Kean University. Yom HaShoah is “Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day.”

Rabbi Glazer, who has been a rabbi at Temple Emanu-El for three years, also was honored for her support of the Federation’s family program for Chanukah and her leadership in JConnection, which offers social and educational programs that are part of

the Federation’s Advisory Council. The Special Recognition Award given to Ms. Shane, who has been executive director of Temple Emanu-El for 17 years, was for organizing and establishing the Synagogue Executive Forum, of which she is the president.

According to Ms. Cooper, the Synagogue Executive Forum, which Ms. Shane created and chaired, “helped each group to learn what our needs are and the value of the relationship that each congregation has with each other.”

Temple Emanu-El also was praised by outgoing JFCNJ President Julie Lipsitt-Singer, who said the highlight of the year was the establishment of the Ma’ayan Program at Temple Emanu-El, which offers programs for children ages 3 through 13 with special needs. This program is made possible by a grant from the JFCNJ.

For information about this program, contact Ma’ayan Program Director Amy Ash at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 137, or aash@tewnj.org.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION... Amy Cooper, associate executive vice-president, left, and Stanley Stone, executive vice-president, of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey (JFCNJ) present Temple Emanu-El of Westfield Executive Director Carolyn Shane with a Special Recognition Award for creating and chairing the Synagogue Executive Forum. She and Rabbi Erin Glazer, also of Temple Emanu-El, were honored during the JFCNJ’s Annual Meeting June 4 at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey in Scotch Plains.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Posts Meeting Date; Awards

GARWOOD – The next meeting of Bayleaf Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Post No. 6807 Ladies Auxiliary VFW will be held on Tuesday, July 17, at 1 p.m. President Catherine Madara has advised that the meeting will take place at 205 Willow Avenue in Garwood. All officers and chairmen are requested to attend. All members are welcome and refreshments will be served.

At the June meeting, the following awards were presented to the Auxiliary by President Madara from the Department Convention in Wildwood, Ladies Auxiliary VFW of U.S.A. to Bayleaf Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Auxiliary No. 6807 for: Donations Required; a Citation for Membership; Cancer Aid and Research; New Jersey Cottage; State Hospital; Christmas Cheer signed by the following: Cecilia Watkins, Department president; Catherine Glen Henkel, secretary, and Iris Jean George, treasurer.

Additionally, there was an Award for Veterans and Veterans’ Family Support – Chairman Lena Cummings 2011-2012; an Award for Youth Activities 2011-2012 Best Youth Activities Program – Catherine Madara, Chairman Auxiliary 6807 District 5; from Friends of Our Troops, a Certificate in recognition of Patriotic Support of the Mail for Troops Campaign Christmas 2011, presented with deep thanks to VFW Ladies Auxil-

iary Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Post 6807.

President Madara presented Lena Cummings with a 25-year service pin. Ms. Cummings has served as chaplain and in other positions and held chairmanships since joining and attending meetings.

Members are encouraged to save eyeglasses and cases for “Eyes for the Needy” as well as hearing aids. They also are urged to save their pennies to fight cancer, cancelled stamps for the Veterans Administration Program and Campbell labels and Box Tops for Education and the VFW National Home for Children.

Library Friends Name Scholarship Winner

WESTFIELD – Every year since 2004, The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have awarded scholarships to future librarians. Seventeen scholarships have been awarded over the nine-year period. The total amount awarded thus far is \$42,000.

The “Future Librarian Scholarship” is offered to a Westfield resident who currently is pursuing a master’s degree in library science or a college degree in media education.

This year’s winner is Dana Rosen-Perez, a student enrolled in the Rutgers University Master Degree program.

Autism Benefit on Sunday To Honor Tovah Segelman

FANWOOD – Autism Family Times with Brianna, Inc., a local non-profit offering family-based programming for families living with autism spectrum disorder, has announced its first Dream Catcher Tribute.

This year’s charitable event will honor Tovah Segelman, a Scotch Plains resident, for her leadership and ongoing support of the organization. The benefit will be held this Sunday, July 15, at 3 p.m. at The Crossroads of Garwood. Proceeds from this event will help support ongoing educational, recreation and social programs for families living with autism in New Jersey communities.

Ms. Segelman serves as program director for the organization’s “We Dream Athletic Team.” The team is a group of dedicated athletes, of all abilities, who make dreams come true for children with autism and their families. Team members participate in running races, cycling events, swimming events and triathlons to raise funds to support programs offered by Autism Family Times. The athletic team welcomes new members to participate in athletic events and to raise funds to support continued Autism Family Times programs.

Ms. Segelman joined Autism Family Times as the athletic team program director in 2010. She is a

speech-language pathologist and literacy specialist in Summit, working with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities.

“This year’s dinner event is dedicated to a person who has been taking the lead in raising awareness and funding for our programs,” said Autism Family Times President Claudette Bardwil. “Tovah understands the needs and interests of these families and inspires others to show their support.”

All community members are welcome to attend. Tickets for the Dream Catcher Tribute are available for \$40 each and include dinner, a live band, the award ceremony and opportunities to win prizes. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

Those interested in attending the event or in donating to Autism Family Times can send an e-mail to dreamcatcher@autismfamilytimes.org or call (908) 889-8860.

Autism Family Times relies on contributions, sponsorships and grant funding for its development and implementation of programs. Personal, corporate and organizational donations are sought to support the ongoing programs. All donations are tax-deductible. More information about the organization is available at autismfamilytimes.org or by calling (908) 889-8860.

Fanwood Library to Present The Winter’s Tale July 19

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will present, as part of its Fanwood Shakespeare Festival, *The Winter’s Tale*, performed by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey Next Stage Ensemble. It will take place next Thursday, July 19, at 2 p.m. at the Forest Road Park Building in Fanwood.

The Fanwood Shakespeare Festival, open to everyone age 12 and up, will include three days of reading, “playing” and enjoying Shakespeare. Beginning with a read aloud and performing scenes from *Twelfth Night*, *Midsummer Night’s Dream* and more on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. each day at the Forest Road Park Building, it will culminate on Thursday with the performance of *The Winter’s Tale*.

The Winter’s Tale transports audiences through a fanciful and sometimes dark 16-year journey. From the seeds of unfounded jealousy, two kingdoms become entangled in a web of paranoia, insinuation and mistrust. From the dramatic accusations in the

high court of Sicilia, to the raucous and jovial Bohemian sheep-shearing festival, to the revelatory final scene, *The Winter’s Tale* celebrates the triumph of love, nobility and all things good, and ends with a promise of rejuvenation, redemption and hope.

All Drama Workshop programs are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Registration is required for one, two or all three days. To register, call the library at (908) 322-6400 or stop by the circulation desk of the library. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road. For more information about this or any other program, access the library’s website, fanwoodlibrary.org, or visit the library on Facebook.

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