

Senior Committee Reveals Trip to Ellis Island Museum

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will sponsor the second of its bus trips on Tuesday, June 12, to the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. The ferry from Liberty State Park will transport participants to the island, where they will tour the various exhibits and visit the Immigrant Wall of Honor and remnants of historic Fort Gibson.

The museum is wheelchair/handicapped accessible and participants may purchase lunch in the museum's facility or "brown bag" it and eat on the outdoor patio while enjoying the view of the surrounding grounds. Park rangers do inspect all parcels.

Trailside to Conduct Dusk Hike May 16

MOUNTAINSIDE – Trailside Nature and Science Center invites area residents to participate in a Dusk Hike on Wednesday, May 16, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone will be encouraged to use their "owl eyes" to look for homes and hide-outs of the local wildlife.

This program is recommended for families with children ages 5 and up, with an adult. The fee is \$6 per person for Union County residents and \$7 per person for non-residents.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. To pre-register or receive additional information about Dusk to Dark or any other programs at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucnj.org/trailside.

Prayer to St. Jude

Holy Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ and faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly ask you, to whom God has given such great power, to help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glory Be's for nine consecutive days. This prayer has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. St. Jude, Patron Saint of the Impossible, pray for us. Amen.

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9:15 a.m. from the Scotch Plains Clubhouse parking lot off Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. Because the Township of Scotch Plains provides funds for the bus charter, residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood may participate for \$12 and may register between May 14 and 18. Others may register starting May 21 for \$15. All registrations must be done in the Scotch Plains Recreation Office, located at 430 Park Avenue. For more information, call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 221, or (908) 889-2084.

Edible Plants Walk On Tap Next Week

FANWOOD – The Wild Edible Plants Walk will take place on Wednesday, May 16, starting at 6 p.m. at the entrance to the Fanwood Nature Center. The Nature Center is located on Cray Terrace in Fanwood, where the power lines cross the road. Cray Terrace is between Helen Street and Terrill Road.

Participants are advised to look for the brown signs and to park right on Cray. This family-friendly activity will only be cancelled in the event of a downpour or thunderstorm. The event will take about an hour. For more information, visit the Fanwood Environmental Commission website, fanwoodec.org.

Wiffle Ball Tourney To Benefit Sr. Pat's

WESTFIELD – Area residents are invited to participate in the Second Annual Charity Wiffle Ball Tournament benefiting Sister Pat's Camp on Friday, May 25, starting at 10:30 a.m. at Tamaques Park in Westfield. Sr. Pat's Camp is a week-long summer camp experience in upstate New York for needy children with cancer or their siblings.

Families and friends are asked to form a team, of no more than five, for the tournament. All Westfield Public Schools will be closed that day. In the event of rain, the tournament will be held on Saturday, May 26. The cost is a \$15 donation per player. All profits will go directly to Sister Pat's Camp.

Throughout the event, food and drinks from local stores will be available for sale. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event or seeking further information is asked to e-mail Barb Sullivan at srpatswiffleballtournament@gmail.com. To register for the tournament, visit sisterpatkidscamp.org and print out the registration form for the event.



BINGO!...More than 200 Girl Scouts of all ages enjoyed an afternoon of bingo at St. Bartholomew School in Scotch Plains on March 23. Organized by seventh-grade Cadette Girl Scout Troop No. 40547, the event included 190 prizes for bingo and raffles. Many of the prizes were donated by local businesses, among them Scoops ice cream parlor, Spazio Nails, Alfonso's Pizzeria, McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, Bowcraft amusement park, salons Diva's and Jackie's Place, Scotch Plains Music, and Out of Bounds. The Girl Scouts also purchased many prizes at a deep discount from The Christmas Tree Shop.

Steven Glazer to Spotlight Local Civil War Research

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Public Library will continue its Civil War Sesquicentennial series on Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. with a talk by Steven Glazer. This free program will be based on Mr. Glazer's most recent book, "Discover Your Community's Civil War Heritage," an official research manual published by the New Jersey Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee.



Steven Glazer

Mr. Glazer will provide practical, step-by-step guidance on how to research an ancestor's or town's Civil War history, including the identities and biographies of local residents who fought in the war, as well as of others having a material connection to the events of the era. Some research results from Union County, including Scotch Plains, will be presented.

After asking local historians how many Civil War veterans had lived in Cranford Township (established in 1871), and receiving only one or two names in response, Mr. Glazer began to investigate the subject himself. He eventually came up with more than 80 Cranford residents, many of them local officials, who had fought in the war or otherwise had a material connection to events surrounding

the conflict.

Mr. Glazer currently serves on New Jersey's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and has published articles regarding New Jersey and the Civil War. He has contributed to multiple Civil War books, including "New Jersey Goes to War" and "New Jersey's Civil War Odyssey," both published by Longstreet House and the sesquicentennial committee.

Copies of "Discover Your Community's Civil War Heritage" will be available to purchase for \$10, with all proceeds going to the New Jersey Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. Mr. Glazer's other books about New Jersey and the Civil War also will be available.

Registration is open to all interested individuals and is required for this program. To register, call the library at (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204; email library@scotlib.org or use the Events tab on the Scotch Plains Public Library website, scotlib.org.

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CBI to Present Open House For Prospective Members

SCOTCH PLAINS – Congregation Beth Israel will hold an open house for prospective members on Sunday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clergy, professional staff and lay leaders will be on hand to give tours and answer questions about the synagogue and its Religious School. Adults are invited to bring their children, as there will be a party for Religious School students running concurrently with the open house. Children may attend the party, which will include free hot dogs, drinks and entertainment.

Congregation Beth Israel is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue, serving the religious, cultural, educational and social needs of congregants from Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Westfield and surrounding communities. It has an active Sisterhood, Men's Club and youth group, plus an array of programs ranging from adult education courses to social action opportunities.

Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School was one of the first three congregations in North America to be designated as a Framework for Excellence School by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The Religious School offers classes from preschool through 12th grade, as well as special-needs instruction. Synagogue membership is not required for programs through second grade.

"The open house is a great way for people in the community to learn about our synagogue and our school," said Susan Menaker, co-chairwoman of Congregation Beth Israel's Member Relations Committee, which will sponsor the open

house. "We planned the open house to coincide with our Religious School's end-of-year party so that prospective members could actually meet the parents and the children who make up our synagogue family," Ms. Menaker said.

For more information, call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

Junior Women Slate Town Garage Sale

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club is accepting registration forms for the annual spring Town-Wide Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date is Sunday, June 3).

The cost is \$20 to list one's address and items for sale on the garage sale map, which will be distributed on the morning of the sale for free in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Participants hold their own garage sale and keep all profits. The event is publicized on the Internet and in local and statewide newspapers. Registration forms are available at local libraries and online at spjwc.com.

Checks in the amount of \$20, payable to SPJWC, along with a completed registration form, may be mailed to: SPJWC, P.O. Box 284, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. All registration forms and checks must be received by Monday, May 21. Proceeds from this event are allocated to local charities.

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