

## Girl Scouts Participate In PCW's Box City Benefit

WESTFIELD — When Jackie Link and Allison Collins, students at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, saw an encampment of cardboard boxes on the lawn of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield at 140 Mountain Avenue last year in April, they were intrigued. This spring, while the girls were working on their Silver Award with Girl Scout Troop 40925, they remembered this community effort to raise awareness and funds for homelessness called Box City, and signed up to participate.

"We're doing our project on homelessness, so we decided we wanted to be a part of Box City," Allison said.

With cardboard closet boxes in tow, Jackie, her mother and Scout leader Erica Link, and Allison set up their makeshift "homes" on the evening of April 27. "We have sleeping bags, pillows and blankets, so I think we are ready," Jackie said. They then went with other participants to the church's Westminster Hall building where a light supper of soup and bread was served by members of the church's Mission Commission and other volunteers.

They spent outdoors overnight along with the confirmation class of the church and their adult chaperones. The sleep-over event raised

funds for the Fish Hospitality Program, a nationwide initiative that helps homeless families while they are finding an apartment or home. The Presbyterian Church in Westfield houses homeless families through the Fish Program four times a year for a week or two at a time. Last year, 95 percent of the 52 families in the program from Union, Middlesex and Somerset County were placed in apartments or "forever homes."

On the local level, Carole Cook and Margo Seaman, members of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, are the president and vice-president of the Fish Board and coordinate the program at their church. Together with members of the Mission Commission and Presbyterian Women, they planned the massive fund-raising event again this year.

One of the speakers at the event, Curtis, a "graduate" of the Fish program, told the gathering that "hope is something that keeps homeless families going" and that programs like Fish give people hope.

For more information about Box City or the Fish Hospitality program that is sponsored at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, visit [westfieldpcw.org](http://westfieldpcw.org) or call the church at (908) 233-0301.

## Miller-Cory Invites All For Culinary Herbs on Sunday

WESTFIELD — Aromatic, tasty and healing — herbs were of the utmost importance to the colonial household. They were prized as medicines, dyes, pesticides, air fresheners, and for numerous other purposes.

The Miller-Cory House Museum will present a program this Sunday, May 19, from 2 to 4 p.m., focusing on the culinary use of herbs in early America. Members of the Cooking Committee will include herbs common to the 18th century in demonstrating open-hearth cooking for visitors.

Authentic open-hearth cooking is a unique feature of the museum's programming. Volunteers prepare early American recipes using utensils, techniques and seasonal ingredients of the time in the Frazee Building, a separate structure on the grounds, which, like the museum, dates to the 18th century. Visitors also may view the kitchen and herb gardens, which include plantings common to colonial days.

Costumed docents will be available for tours of the restored, fully-furnished farmhouse, built in 1740.

Upcoming programs include "Come Celebrate Flag Day!" on Sunday, June 2. The museum also will hold "Aunt Carrie's Attic Sale," its annual fund-raising yard sale, on Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend the sale and to donate items such as housewares, books (excluding textbooks), linens, toys, bric-a-brac or small furniture pieces for the sale, but no clothing or electronics. Drop-off of items must be arranged in advance; donations are being accepted until Wednesday, May 22.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield. Admission is \$4 for ages 13 and older; \$3 for ages 3 to 12, and free for those under age 3. For more information, call (908) 232-1776 or email [miller-corymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:miller-corymuseum@gmail.com). The museum website is [miller-coryhouse.org](http://miller-coryhouse.org).



**NATURAL WONDERS...**The Wild Earth Fest at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside on April 28 gave area residents a fun and educational opportunity to learn ways to become eco-friendly and to be more aware of wildlife conservation. Pictured, a young girl befriends a pair of bunnies at the event.

## Congregation Beth Israel Sets Sunday Open House

SCOTCH PLAINS — Congregation Beth Israel will hold an open house for prospective members this Sunday, May 19, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Prospective congregants will have the opportunity to tour the synagogue and its religious school and to meet Congregation Beth Israel's leadership.

The open house will be held during the religious school's end-of-year celebration, which will feature a barbecue, refreshments and activities for children of all ages. There also will be a small petting zoo and rock-climbing wall, weather permitting. Sponsored by the synagogue's Men's Club, the event is free to the community and will take place rain or shine.

"We love ending the school year with a communal celebration," said Lev Metz, director of Congregational Learning and Engagement at Congregation Beth Israel. "It also provides a great opportunity for us to welcome potential new members and to introduce them to the children, parents, teachers and volunteers that make up our close-knit synagogue family."

Congregation Beth Israel has been recognized as an ABLA Awarded Congregation by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest for its commitment to inclusion and accommodation for all its members.

"We are committed to inclusion at CBI. If you or your child has a challenge that makes religious school and/or synagogue participation difficult, please contact us so that we can work

with you to make the necessary accommodations," said Mr. Metz.

Congregation Beth Israel educates students from pre-K through 10th grade through experiential grade-specific programs that encompass the family in its curriculum. Classes for children from pre-K through second grade meet on Sundays. Religious school for grades 3 to 7 meets two days per week, on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Congregation Beth Israel does not require synagogue membership for children to attend its religious school for programs through second grade. However, families with children below third grade have the option of joining the synagogue at a reduced rate and enjoying full benefits of synagogue membership, including High Holiday tickets.

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 towns. It has an active Sisterhood, Men's Club and youth group, plus a wide array of programs, ranging from adult education courses to social action opportunities.

No RSVP is required to attend the open house. For more information, contact the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830 or [office@cbisp.org](mailto:office@cbisp.org). Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

## Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah To Celebrate 60th Year

CLARK — Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah (TBOBT) will celebrate 60 years of worship with a cocktail reception, dinner and entertainment on Sunday, June 2.

### Church and Knights Post Blood Drive

AREA — The Church of the Assumption and Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held in the Lower Chicago Church Hall, located at 113 Chicago Place, Roselle Park. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and bring identification. They are advised to eat a meal prior to donating and to drink plenty of water before and after their donation. All donors will receive the following free health screenings: cholesterol, blood pressure, temperature, iron, pulse and blood type. To make an appointment, visit [donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/48870](http://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/48870).

The event, named "Dancing Through the Decades," will celebrate TBOBT's rich history, along with Israel's 70th birthday.

"A handful of families founded TBOBT, and we're still going strong 60 years later," event Chairwoman Evelyn Shulman said. "We thought it was important to honor their tremendous gift to all of us and celebrate our history."

Entertainment will be provided by Elefante and Green with Exquisite Affairs Catering. The evening will begin with cocktails at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each and can be purchased by calling the synagogue office at (732) 381-8403. Space also is available in the commemorative ad journal.

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, located at 111 Valley Road, Clark, continues to provide education, engagement and fulfillment of its mission of being a House of Prayer, a House of Learning and a House of vibrant Jewish and spiritual life for the entire community.

## Lee Blowe to Be Cranford's 2019 Parade Grand Marshal

CRANFORD — Local veteran Lee Blowe has been selected by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 335 and Steve Robertazzi, director of the Cranford Parks and Recreation Department, to be this year's grand marshal of Cranford's annual Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Blowe, a former sergeant, was a combat squadron leader with Charlie Company of the 1st Marine Division in and around Chu Li, Vietnam, during 1966. He and his wife, Karen, have lived in Cranford for 22 years. They reside with their 17-year-old twin children, Patrick and Catherine, who attend the Technology Academy and Allied Science Programs, respectively, at Union County Vocational-Technical High School in Scotch Plains.

"Memorial Day is a very special day for me," Mr. Blowe explained. "It's a day I sadly remember all my buddies who didn't come home from Vietnam, like I did. For that reason alone, I am truly honored to be our grand marshal this year."

Mr. Blowe, a recent retiree, spent 35 years as a chief operational manager in the Walgreens Drug Store chain. His primary function with Walgreens was establishing and setting up new store locations for the company and getting them up and running as working, profitable entities.

Born and raised in rural Murfreesboro, N.C., Mr. Blowe has become a well-known and active part of the greater Cranford community. He currently is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in

the township and the Memorial Day Parade Committee. At the Cranford VFW, he is senior vice commander, Buddy Poppy chairman and a member of its Post No. 335 Centennial Celebration Committee.

The Cranford Memorial Day Parade will step off from the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, promptly at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 27, and finish with services at Memorial Park on Springfield Avenue at approximately 10 a.m.

### Hist. Soc. to Present Hanson House Tour

CRANFORD — The Cranford Historical Society will host a tour of the Hanson House on Sunday, June 2. Doors will open at 2 p.m., with the tour beginning at 2:15 p.m. The house is located at 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford.

After hearing a brief history of the Hanson House, attendees will learn about the lives of Cranford artists Leslie and Alice Crump and will view the Historical Society's collection of their art.

Visitors will then be taken on a tour of the Society's collections of costumes by its curator. Afterward, they will have the opportunity to visit the Fridlington Room, where research into the history of Cranford and its homes takes place.

Admission is free and open to the public. Interested persons are asked to RSVP by Thursday, May 30. For more information, email the Society at [cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net](mailto:cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net) or call the office at (908) 276-0082.

## Temple Men's Club Plans Texas Hold 'Em Tourney

SCOTCH PLAINS — Congregation Beth Israel will feature a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Wednesday, June 5, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the synagogue. The event is open to the community.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit non-profit and local outreach activities performed by the Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel, the event's sponsor.

The tournament will be run by a professional company using licensed dealers and professional equipment. Drinks and light snacks will be served. Prizes will be awarded to the final table. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shuffle up and deal begins at 7 p.m.

"This is the second year that the Men's Club is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. Last year's event attracted a large crowd and was a lot of fun, and we are expecting this year's event to be even better," said Michael Margolin, president of Congregation Beth Israel's Men's Club.

"But it's not just a fun evening," Mr. Margolin noted. "Funds from the tournament go towards helping our Men's Club do its non-profit work in the synagogue and community."

The registration fee is \$100 for 5,000 chips. The synagogue is of-

fering an Early Bird Special: registrants who sign up before Saturday, May 25, will receive an additional 1,000 chips. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

Participants may register online at [cbipokerntournament.com](http://cbipokerntournament.com) or call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830. For questions, contact Aaron Kessler at [aaron@jmrconsult.net](mailto:aaron@jmrconsult.net) or Alex Skibinsky at [alex@metronjllc.com](mailto:alex@metronjllc.com). Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

### Championships Set For Table Tennis

WESTFIELD — The New Jersey Table Tennis Club, a non-profit club, will hold the 90th Annual New Jersey State Table Tennis Championships this Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, at 226 North Avenue West, Westfield.

This event is for New Jersey residents exclusively. The club has been in Westfield almost 50 years, open seven days a week to players of all levels, and offers weekly leagues on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights, as well as monthly tournaments and coaching. Daily rates are available. For more information, visit [njttc.org](http://njttc.org).



COLONIAL SPRING...The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield will welcome visitors this Sunday, May 19, between 2 and 4 p.m., for a program on the culinary use of herbs in early America. Pictured is the museum's springtime herb garden.



## Sixth Annual Cranford Municipal Alliance Town-Wide BBQ

Celebrating Family Dinners — Open to ALL Cranford Residents. Sunday, May 19, 2019, 4:30 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Municipal Lot No. 1 Adjacent to Cranford Fire Department. Prizes, games and activities and fun for the whole family.

Check out the full schedule of events at [www.ourbestcranford.org](http://www.ourbestcranford.org). Rain: Cranford Community Center.

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