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## WORLD WAR II EXHIBIT EXTENDED!



The JHMOMC has extended the "Living Voices" Jewish Veterans Exhibit through December 2010.. This visually exciting and informative exhibit in honor of the 65th Anniversary year of WWII, centers around the oral histories of Jewish War Veterans and civilians on the home front during the war years. Don't miss this opportunity to experience a time in history that shaped the world and preserved our freedom.

Group tours are still available. Call the Museum at 732-252-6990 for more information.

## HOLIDAY KLEZMER CONCERT

DEC. 19, 3:00PM

featuring

### The Hester Street Troupe



Alan Sweifach, Jay Sweifach & Jim Bazewicz

The Hester Street Troupe will bring their special brand of Traditional Klezmer Music to the Hayloft Stage on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> in a special holiday season concert. Their highly energetic, infectious and inspired performance will delight and entertain. Don't miss this magical afternoon of Jewish soul music. Space is limited and tickets are selling fast so make sure to reserve your seat soon by sending in your ticket found on page 8 with your payment.

Sept. 26, 2010

**Kovalsky & Friends  
Classical Concert:  
Music of WWII**

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Songs of Freedom**

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Concert**

## The Four Chaplains



R-L: Rabbi Brooks Susman, Bernard Weinstein, Father Edward M. Jawidzik

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the WWII Exhibit, a riveted audience listened to the inspiring story of the The Four Chaplains, the tale of the loss of four dedicated clergy who perished in the sinking of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester in the icy waters of the North Atlantic.

Bernard Weinstein, Esq., a JHMOMC member and Commander of the Oglensky-Jackson JWV Post 359 created the program and was the Master of Ceremonies. He was assisted in the re-telling by Father Edward M. Jawidzik

of St Robert's Bellarmine in Freehold and Rabbi Brooks Susman of Congregation Kol Am in Freehold.

In 1942, Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Father John Washington (Catholic), Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Rabbi Alexander Goode (Jewish) met in Chaplains school at Harvard University and quickly became friends. On February 3, 1943 they found themselves on an aging coastal liner that was pressed into service transporting goods and young new soldiers overseas. Because the ship was packed to capacity with 902 soldiers below deck where it was steaming hot, many of the soldiers chose to sleep without wearing their hot and bulky life jackets. They were caught off guard when they were hit by a German torpedo at 1:00 am tossing the men from their cots, followed by a second torpedo killing 100 instantly. The ship descended rapidly and many lives were lost.



Doris Winiker

The Four Chaplains provided voices of calm in the panic and directed soldiers to safety in addition to selflessly removing their own life jackets and gloves and giving them to the scrambling soldiers so that they might survive while knowing they could not possibly survive without the flotation devices. Amid the horror that permeated the cold, dark night, the surviving soldiers looked back from their life boats and saw the four chaplains, their last moments huddled together arm in arm as they braced themselves against the railing of the sinking ship. Their strong voices were heard singing hymns giving strength to those who might survive.

Rabbi Goode's first cousin, Doris Winiker, a resident of Marlboro, was a special guest in the audience.

- Georgine Eberight Exhibits Co-Chair

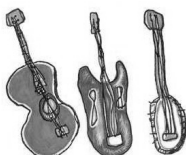


## David Brahinsky and String Band *Songs of Freedom*

By popular demand, "**David Brahinsky and Friends**" will return to the Jewish Heritage Museum to present a string band concert celebrating the songs of freedom and other music of the World War II time period on Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 PM.

Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$10 for students.

Gloria Berman  
Programming Chair



David Brahinsky

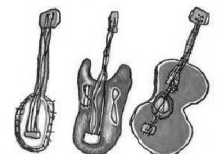


Image of David Brahinsky and Friends performing on the Hayloft Stage on March 10, 2010

## Uncle Philip's Coat

Harlan Tuckman's one man show of Uncle Philip's Coat was presented at the JHMOMC's Hayloft Stage on Sunday, August 29, 2010 to an appreciative audience. The performance was received warmly as the audience basked in their own nostalgic memories of relatives long passed. Humor and Pathos were significant themes in this heartfelt remembrance written by Matty Felman.

The Jewish Heritage museum is dedicated to featuring a diverse and inspired programming schedule for your education and enjoyment. A complete coming events schedule is available on our Web site at [www.jhmomc.org](http://www.jhmomc.org) and in our **@ the Museum** events calendar printed in this newsletter. Please share these events with your friends and family and we look forward to seeing you at the museum.

- Gloria Berman Programming Chair




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## a *Musical Night* at *The Museum* a piano fundraising event



Join us on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for a special concert and fundraising event. The JHMOMC has, over the last two years, featured a marvelous mix of performance programming on the Hayloft stage. The acoustics in the fully renovated 19<sup>th</sup> century hayloft of the museum are warm and enveloping.

The Museum has made fine use of the restored vintage Steinway Grand Piano that has been generously loaned to the museum to help raise money for the purchase of the museum's own concert quality instrument.

Concert pianist and educator Alan Wasserman (a museum featured performer and friend to the museum) and Dr. Sig Sattenspiel (a plastic surgeon and inspired jazz pianist) will host a night of music on the Hayloft Stage to **help keep the music playing**.

Mr. Wasserman and Dr. Sattenspiel will be joined by an eclectic mix of performers in a relaxed and intimate program of music and melody.

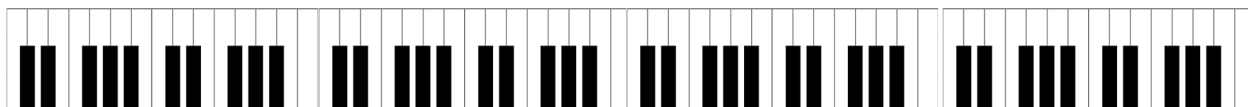
Refreshments will be served and photographer and writer Candy Sattenspiel has donated a photograph which will be given away to one lucky attendee during the evening's festivities.

Join us for this very special evening and show your support for musical performance at the Museum. All proceeds from this special musical evening will become part of the museum's piano fund.

Space is limited so don't delay. A ticket can be found on page 8 of this newsletter, feel free to make copies and give them to others that might like to attend this special event or just support musical performance at the museum.

All individuals making donations will have their names printed in the program for this special concert event.

Musically,  
Michael Berman



## World War II Classical Music Concert



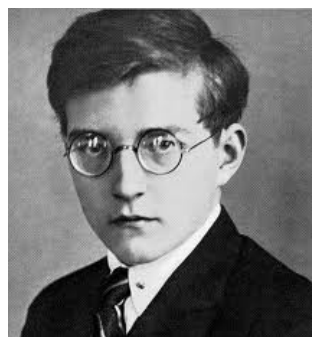
Sergei Prokofiev

The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, as part of its "Living Voices" WWII exhibit, will **present "World War II Classical Music,"** a concert which will feature chamber music composed during the war years in Europe by Sergei Prokofiev, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Mieczyslaw Weinberg at the Museum, on Sunday, September 26, at 3 PM. Admission is \$15 for Museum members, \$18 for non-members.

The Shostakovich Trio, No. 2, Op. 67 for piano, violin, and cello, written in 1944, includes clearly recognizable Jewish folk themes (Shostakovich was not Jewish). These Jewish themes are woven into a magnificent musical structure of universal meaning.

Performing will be Vladislav Kovalsky and Brian Register, pianists, violinist Christopher Lee, cellist Jameson Platte, and clarinetist Roy Gussman.

For further information call the Museum (732-252-6990) or visit [www.jhmomc.org](http://www.jhmomc.org).



Dmitri Shostakovich

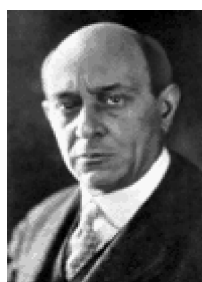


Mieczyslaw Weinberg

## Arnold Schoenberg: The Influence in Music You Know; The Genius in Art You Will Discover

**Lecture and Visual Presentation**  
**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30 PM**

**Presented**  
**by Sandy Gordon, lecturer**



Arnold Schoenberg

Sandy, who shared the art of George Segal with us last spring, has been the coordinator for the art history course at QUEST/City College of New York for the past 19 years. She has given art history courses at New York University, The Chautauqua Institution and Elderhostel.



self portrait



Interior and portrait of a woman in unidentified painting

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## Sunday Oct. 17 is History Day At the Jewish Heritage Museum

11:00 am - 12:00 noon **"The History of the Jews of New Jersey"** Lecture presented by Rabbi Dr. R. Fierstien

The story of the Jews of New Jersey, from their earliest colonial beginnings to their latest orthodox revival in Lakewood, will be presented by Rabbi Robert E. Fierstien at the Jewish Heritage Museum on Sunday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m. The lecture, which is free to the public, will highlight the history and contributions of New Jersey Jewry which now makes up almost 6 % of the state's population.

Rabbi Dr. Robert E. Fierstien teaches American Jewish History at Richard Stockton College, and is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Or in Brick, New Jersey. A native of Passaic, New Jersey, he is a *summa cum laude* graduate of New York University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Master's degree, rabbinical ordination, and doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. A cultural and religious historian, he has lectured widely and is the author of three books and numerous articles dealing with the history of the Jewish people in the United States.

3:00 - 4:30 pm - **"A Celebration of the Perrineville Jewish Center's Centennial"**,

presented by the Perrineville Jewish Center and featuring a presentation on New Jersey Jewish history by Michael A. Rockland, Professor of American Studies at Rutgers University and the author of "The Jews of New Jersey: A Pictorial History."  
Refreshments will be served.

The Perrineville Jewish Center was originally founded as the First Hebrew Farmers Association of Perrineville in 1910.



**Perrineville Jewish Center**  
Photo by Allan Goldberg

## " The Jewish Aces"



**City Champs 1938-39**

**Top Row:** Ralph Binder, Coach, Joseph Siegel, Nathan Schneider, Morris Newberg, Co-Captain Herman Schneider,

**Bottom Row:** Gilbert Kaplan, Harry Silver, David Becker, Co-Captain Milton Silver, Milford Pinsky, Abraham Baum, Seymour Barron

Long Branch native and literary figure Robert Pinsky recently provided the JHMOMC with this most unique of pictures for our museum archives. It depicts an all Jewish basketball team, "The Jewish Aces" (1938-1939 city champs from Long Branch High School), of which Pinsky's father was a member. With pride they wear their jackets with the Star of David on them. At the time this picture was taken Jews throughout Europe were required by the laws of The Third Reich to wear a yellow Jewish Star on their outer clothing for very different reasons. It is memories and pictures like this that we ask you to share with us for our archives, to sustain the memory of our history for possible future exhibit and publication. For more information about contributing photos and documents depicting Jewish life in Monmouth County, please contact Jean Klerman or Scott Peters, Museum history committee chairs, at 732-252-6990.

- Marjorie Kalman-Kutz

## *The History Corner*

### **JEWISH GRANDEES AT THE JERSEY SHORE**

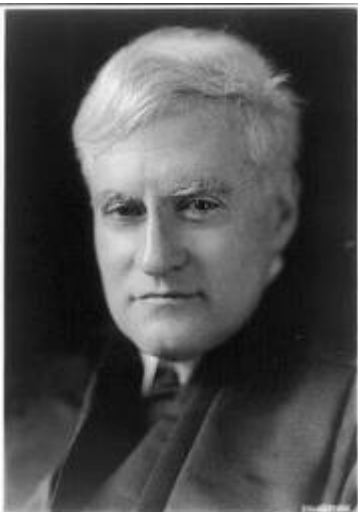
Since at least the 1940's, eastern Monmouth County has been home to a substantial population of Sephardic Jews, many of them of Syrian origin. Nevertheless, the Syrian Jewish community was not the first group of Sephardic Jews to purchase homes at the Jersey Shore, for long before they arrived, there were several prominent Sephardic families who chose to live in the area, at least during the summer months. These early Sephardic residents were associated with New York's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Congregation Shearith Israel, and they belonged to the group that the popular writer Stephen Birmingham has discussed in his best-selling book, The Grandees.



**Louis Napoleon Levy**

Among the first Jewish Grandees at the Jersey Shore was the family of Louis Napoleon Levy, who owned a large and beautiful home on Park Avenue in the Elberon section of Long Branch. A descendant of both Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews who had come to New York before the American Revolution, Levy was a nephew of the famous Commodore Uriah P. Levy, who helped to abolish flogging in the United States Navy, and who purchased and restored Monticello, the former home of President Thomas Jefferson. L. Napoleon Levy, as he called himself, served as Parnas, president, of Congregation Shearith Israel from 1893 to 1921, and it was largely through his efforts that the synagogue built the magnificent building that the congregation still uses on Central Park West. A successful lawyer, Levy was a graduate of New York University. At the Shore, Levy became the first President of the Ocean Beach Club Elberon in 1905.

Another early Sephardic Family at the Shore was the Cardozo family, also descended from individuals who came to America before the Revolution. By 1917, Benjamin Nathan Cardozo and his sister Nell (Ellen) had a summer home on Allen Avenue in Allenhurst. Benjamin Cardozo was a distinguished attorney who became Chief Judge of New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals and in 1932 became the second Jewish Justice of the United States Supreme Court, after Louis D. Brandeis. Although he was not religious person, Cardozo was a lifelong member of Shearith Israel, and was extremely proud of his Sephardic heritage. In The Grandees, Birmingham relates how Cardozo and his sister especially loved to go for rides on Ocean Avenue. Just two blocks away, on Corlies Avenue in Allenhurst, lived the family of a cousin Ernest A. Cardozo, also an attorney and a devoted alumnus of Columbia University, which Benjamin also had attended.



**Justice Benjamin Cardozo**

When we think of the so-called "Jewish Newport" at the Jersey Shore, we generally think of the prominent German-Jewish families who vacationed there, families such as the Guggenheims, Lewisohns, and Schiffs, people referred to each other as "Our Crowd." Nevertheless, as we have seen, this Golden Age of Jewish settlement at the Shore also featured a Sephardic component, early "Grandees" who played their part in Monmouth County's fascinating Jewish Heritage.

## Marilyn Michaels: A Multi-Media Event



On Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 7:30 PM, the curtain will rise on the fine art and memorabilia of legendary theater, television and recording star Marilyn Michaels. Winner of an Outer Critic Circle Award and Drama League Award for her debut performance in "**Catskills on Broadway**" and scion of a great musical family (the renowned cantor, Moishe Oysher was her uncle, pioneering cantress Fraydele Oysher was her mother, and Metropolitan Opera basso Harold Sternberg was her father), Marilyn Michaels is America's "premier woman of a thousand faces and voices."

The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County is honored to showcase yet another facet of this multi-talented resident of Freehold as we present "**Marilyn Michaels: A Multi-Media Event**," the premier of Miss Michaels artwork in New Jersey.

The exhibit will open that evening will open with a Gala reception at the Museum, where participants will be able to "kibbitz and schmooze" with the artist as well as listen as her talented son performs background music on the Museum's beautiful piano, as well as a chance to win a piece of Miss Michaels' art. Additional opportunities to contribute to the Gala, which is a benefit for the Museum, will be available.

- Barbara Michaels  
Publicity Chair



Acrylic Seascape by M. Michaels



Groucho Marx Painting by Marilyn Michaels

### JHMOMC Calendar of Events - Fall 2010

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The Jewish Heritage Museum is open to the public on Sundays 11:00am - 3:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am- 3:00pm.

The Museum is a 501 (c)(3) organization and is air conditioned and handicapped accessible.

**To all Members of the JHMOMC: If your address, phone number, email address, etc. needs to be updated, please call our Membership Chairperson at 732-577-0303.**