

# Heritage Highlights

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## Make a Fuss with Us!

Makht a Tsimes  
(make a fuss)



The National Yiddish  
Theatre *returns*



Streisand, Midler, & Peters  
*an Original Musical Revue*



Bravura Chamber  
Ensemble



genealogy exhibit

*Lectures, Music, History, Genealogy, Photography, Films and so much more !*

# Co-Presidents' Message

As we approach the Museum's **Annual Meeting of Members on Sunday, June 7, at 11AM**, we want to extend a huge **thank you to every member of the Board of Trustees** for their dedication and very hard work during the past year! They have freely given their time, energy, and resources to benefit the Museum. In particular, we want to recognize **Gloria Berman and Janice Saltzman** who have reached their term limits and will be leaving the Board in June. Gloria has served as Chair of the Nominations Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee, but her continuing focus as Chair of the Program Committee for several years has resulted in a growing audience for a varied schedule of events. Janice has served on the Bylaw, Exhibits, and Education Committees and was also a docent and office worker. Though health issues have made participation more difficult, we wish her all the best in the years ahead. We'd like to also recognize non-Board members who continue to dedicate a great deal to the Museum: **Jean Klerman**, who chairs the History Committee and is in the process of compiling at least one book for publication; **Helene Cohen** who chairs the Membership Committee; and **Grace Toy** who has volunteered as Co-Chair of the Public Relations committee and who has been unflinching as the task has grown more complex.

An active and diverse Board is critical for the success of any organization, and as you will see from the proposed ballot in this issue, this is a challenge for the Museum. The mission of the Museum, to preserve the heritage of the Jewish community in Monmouth County, is not only interesting, it is unique! **There is no other place anywhere which preserves the history and tells the story of Jewish presence in this county.** We encourage YOU to seriously consider becoming a member of the JHMOMC team - join the Board, become a volunteer, or join a committee. Please call the Museum, and we'll be happy to match your interests with the many needs of the Museum.

Finally, we encourage every member to respond as generously as you can to the Museum's **first Annual Appeal, by the end of our fiscal year on June 30th.** The only way the Museum's distinct mission can be accomplished is with **people to carry the torch and financial stability** which comes from donations and funding from the whole community. Please respond generously this year, and in years to come, so that the Museum may fulfill its goals to preserve the special heritage of Monmouth County Jewish residents. **Thank YOU for your support and involvement** - we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Alice Berman  
Jeff Wolf  
Co-Presidents

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of Monmouth Country**  
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## Contribute To The Museum's First Annual Appeal!

In the 350<sup>th</sup> year of New Jersey's history, the state's Jewish residents have been active participants - if not shapers - of Monmouth County's heritage. Today, we are **70,000+** strong and continue to make an impact. The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County is the "little jewel that shines brightly in the back of that shopping center in Freehold that is on the same road as the hospital." While that is certainly a lengthy but fair description, we are more than only a little jewel. The mission of the JHMOMC is to connect Jews to their heritage; and to present exhibits, programs, and publications that celebrate, preserve, explore, and illustrate the rich and unique history of the Jewish residents of Monmouth County.

For seven years, the Museum has occupied a historical site, the Levi Solomon Barn (c.1875) and with the generous support of the newly-named Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey and the tireless work of the volunteer board, staff, volunteers, patrons, and donors, its mission has been successfully realized! Although it is only open three days a week, **the Museum has welcomed over 21,000 visitors** since its inception.

As the Museum approaches the end of its first decade, we look ahead to develop new and stimulating exhibits and programs about and for the vicinity's Jewish community. Many who have attended our events have provided positive feedback that has become an integral part of future planning. Our vision, combined with this input, is the motivation to ensure that **this jewel will continue to bridge our past, present, and future.**

Join us in the mitzvah of contributing to the Museum's growth for the years ahead! **YOU can make the difference:** without the generosity of people such as yourself, the Museum cannot offer the extensive list of activities and educational programming for which we have come to be known.

Please consider the importance of this growing little jewel and make a commitment to support our Annual Appeal by making a donation before the end of our fiscal year on June 30th! Your gift will impact those who benefit today and those who will benefit in all of the tomorrows! **A donation of whatever you can afford will ensure that doors will remain open and continue to offer the highest levels of historic and artistic excellence.** The JHMOMC is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the

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IRS code.

**Thank you very much** for your support and investment in the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County – your connection to the past, present, and future! We look forward to seeing you at the Museum.

- **Phyllis Solomon, Fund Raising Chair**  
- **Grace Toy, PR Co-Chair**

### THE JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM OF MONMOUTH COUNTY



### NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

**11 AM**

The Jewish Heritage Museum  
of Monmouth County  
310 Mounts Corner Drive  
Freehold, N.J. 07728

- **Enjoy Bagels and Smears**
- **Call meeting to order and determine a Quorum**
- **Read and approve minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting;**
- **Read Annual Report**
- **Adoption of Budget**
- **Election of Trustees**

(The biographies of the nominees for Trustee positions are on pages 6 and 7.)

The JHMOMC is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit handicapped accessible organization.

## Upcoming Photography Exhibit

Opening July 19, 2015

1:30 PM \$36 per person

The Internet has changed our lives, and so have smart phones, smart cars, and smart TVs. But one thing has stayed the same: our insatiable desire for beautiful and moving images. Devices and technologies have revolutionized our ability to share our personal view of the world with others with the press of a button.



The Museum is mounting a new Photography Exhibit, **Jewish Journeys**, an exhibit of photos of global travel with Jewish content that reflects your Jewish perspective as you travel the world. If you are a professional, amateur, or student photographer, share your view of the Jewish world with the members and visitors of the JHMOMC. We are open to your personal interpretations and vision.

The Exhibit is scheduled to open on **Sunday, July 19, 2015** and applications are being accepted through **June 23rd**. Photographers can bring entries for review in person on Sunday, June 28th or Tuesday evening, June 30th, or send their applications and entries by email to [photos@jhmomc.org](mailto:photos@jhmomc.org).

Please reach out to [mdiament@jhmomc.org](mailto:mdiament@jhmomc.org) and/or [info@jhmomc.org](mailto:info@jhmomc.org) if you are interested in participating in, assisting with organizing this exhibit, or if you would like to receive the entry forms and a full prospectus.



Dig deep, find those visual gems and our panel of objective

curators will select the works that will go in the show and those that will win Top Honors. These will also become part of a permanent 3D Virtual exhibit and will be featured on our website.

- **Marc Diament, Exhibits Committee Chair**

### Students Visit for

### “A Morning at the Museum”

On March 15, 2015, JHMOMC hosted students, teachers, and parents from the Monmouth Reform Temple's Religious School. The highly successful program introduced the students to the Museum, explained the current exhibit - "Jersey Homesteads to Roosevelt," and guided the students in a take-home crafts project related to the bas relief doors on display.

The visit concluded with the serving of refreshments, while the students viewed a child-oriented film about the Roosevelt community.

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The same program was offered to the community at large on May 3, 2015, at 10 AM. The JHMOMC will be developing companion child oriented programs for its future exhibits.

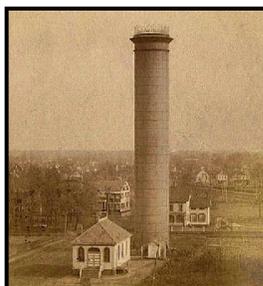
-**Irwin Ostrega, Outreach Committee Chair**  
- **Susan Helfand, Children's Education and Events Committee Chair**



**Tia Ziagos speaking to the children about the Bas Relief doors on display at the Museum.**



**Helene Cohen, Membership Chair, and Alice Berman, Co-president, at the JHMOMC booth at the Red Bank Street Fair on April 12th.**



**The United Hebrew Congregation of Keyport's first house of worship at Osborn and Elizabeth Streets was purchased in 1902. (Standpipe tower behind house dated from 1893)**

Courtesy of Bob Holz of the Keyport Historical Society

## Wanted: Your Old Photos for Museum's New Book

The Jewish Heritage Museum is seeking old images for its book, *The Pictorial History of the Jews of Monmouth County*. If you have any such photos (such as the Keyport synagogue pictured to the left), please call the Museum at 732-252-6990 or email them directly to the history committee at [info@jhmomc.org](mailto:info@jhmomc.org).

# Judah P. Benjamin: The Confederate Statesman



Judah P. Benjamin

As we conclude the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the Civil War, it is only fitting that we should make mention of the Jewish man whose involvement in that conflict was greater than any other—Judah P. Benjamin, the Secretary of State of the Confederate States of America (C.S.A.). Born in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands in the year 1811,

Judah Philip Benjamin was the son of lower-middle-class Sephardic parents who moved to the United States in search of a better living. Young Judah grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina and in Charleston, South Carolina; and, after being expelled from Yale for undetermined reasons, moved to New Orleans where he studied law. Eventually he became one of the city's most prominent attorneys. Indeed, President Millard Fillmore later wanted to appoint him to the United States Supreme Court, but he declined the offer. In 1852, he was elected to the United States Senate, the first Jewish person to serve in that position.



Benjamin appeared on the Confederate States two dollar bill

In the Senate, Benjamin became one of the South's most eloquent defenders in the turbulent years before the Civil War. Benjamin's vocal support of the South was so prominent that one Northern Senator called him an Israelite with the principles of an Egyptian, a reference to his defense of slavery.

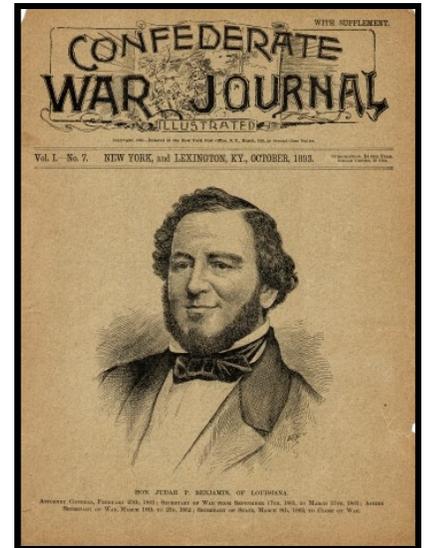
When the Civil War broke out in 1861, President Jefferson Davis appointed Benjamin Attorney General of the C.S.A. and later as Secretary of War. Even though Benjamin had had no prior military experience, Davis, who had been a hero of the Mexican War, probably wanted to run the War Department himself and thought Benjamin would be a pliable ally. Nevertheless, every

Southern defeat left Benjamin open to criticism, a lightning rod for anti-Semites of every kind.

In March, 1862, Davis appointed Benjamin to serve as Secretary of State, where his principal efforts were devoted towards obtaining English and French recognition and support for the Confederacy, something that never materialized. As Eli Evans points out in his comprehensive biography, *Judah P. Benjamin: "The Jewish Confederate*, Benjamin became Davis' closest advisor and associate; and the President even entrusted him with writing his speeches from time to time. Having known each other from the time they served together in the U. S. Senate, Davis and Benjamin became extremely close friends, and Benjamin was also very close to the Confederate first Lady, Varina Davis.

When the Civil War ended in April 1865, Judah P. Benjamin was one of the very few Confederate leaders who managed to evade capture and arrest. He made his way through the Everglades in Florida, then by small boat to the Bahamas, after having been almost lost at sea, and finally reached safety in England. There he studied for the bar once again and eventually became one of England's most successful attorneys, was named Queen's Counsel, and wrote a famous book on commercial law. Perhaps fearing arrest, for there were false rumors that he had somehow been involved with John Wilkes Booth, Benjamin never returned to his beloved Louisiana. Instead he remained in London all the rest of his life, and would periodically go to Paris to visit his Creole wife Natalie, from whom he was separated, and his daughter Ninette. He died in Paris in 1884.

Until recently, Judah P. Benjamin was largely ignored by Jewish historians. Perhaps they were embarrassed by the fact that he had a plantation and owned slaves. Perhaps it was because he was completely separated from the Jewish community, although, to his credit, he never changed his religion and never denied being a Jew. Nevertheless, Benjamin's role in the Civil War is undeniable, and his story is part of the rich tapestry of American Jewish history.



Confederate War Journal cover depicting Judah Benjamin

- Rabbi Dr. Robert E. Fierstien  
Co-chair, History Committee

## Proposed Budget

**July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

### Revenue

Admissions	800.00
Exhibits Income	4,000.00
Donations - Door	600.00
Donations - Membership	8,500.00
Donations - Other	3,200.00
Tribute Cards	200.00
Fund Raising - Bricks	544.00
Fund Raising - Annual Appeal	12,000.00
Grants	2,500.00
Program Income	14,500.00
Membership Dues	10,500.00
Sponsorship	500.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>57,844.00</b>

### Cost of Services Provided

Program Expenses	6,000.00
Exhibit Expenses	7,500.00
Fund Raising Expenses - General	700.00
Fund Raising - Annual Appeal	500.00
Genealogy Expense	2,500.00
Outreach Committee	720.00
Timeline Expenses	1,770.00
History Expense	2,000.00
<b>Total Direct Cost of Services Provided</b>	<b>21,690.00</b>

**Net Income Provided from Services** **36,154.00**

### General and Administrative Expenses

Office Salaries	7,500.00
Office Supplies	1,800.00
Building Maintenance	3,000.00
Insurance Expense	2,100.00
Membership Expense	800.00
Technology Expense	1,500.00
Publicity Expenses	3,710.00
Heritage Highlights Expenses	4,060.00
Professional Affiliations	500.00
Professional Fees	500.00
Accounting Software	360.00
Bank Charges	600.00
Other General and Admin Expenses	900.00
Storage Facility	1,090.00
Utilities	7,734.00
<b>Total General and Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>36,154.00</b>

**Net Income** **0**

## Nominations 2015

The Nominating Committee of the Jewish Heritage Museum has recommended the following individuals for election to the Board of Trustees.

### Reelection for a two year term:

Alice Berman	Carol Fox
Marc Diament	Dean Ross
	Jeffrey Wolf

### For a new two year term:

Helene Cohen

Brief biographies are listed for your reference. Complete biographies will be available at the Annual Meeting.

### Alice Berman

Alice Berman is a retired music teacher and choral director. She served as Executive Director of the Monmouth Conservatory of Music in Red Bank for ten years. She served for nine years on the Board of the Monmouth County Arts Council, six of which she served as President. She has served on the Board of Monmouth Reform Temple, and chaired the Monmouth Festival of the Arts. Alice joined the Board of the Jewish Heritage Museum in January 2014, and served on the Bylaw, Nominating, and Fundraising Committees until elected Co-President in July 2014.

### Helene Cohen

Helene has lived in NJ since 1969, and currently resides in Manalapan with her husband of fifty years, Gary. For over twenty-three years she worked in the insurance industry as a Claims Supervisor, overseeing an office and dealing with customer relations. She has served on the Board of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am in Aberdeen for eight years, on the Board of the Associate for Children with Learning Disabilities for six years, and on the Board of National Council of Jewish Women for six years. She has chaired major fundraisers and has joined the Board of Pink Ribbons, an off-shoot of the Susan B. Komen Foundation.

Helene is a Founding member of the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County and served on the Board for seven years, serving on the Executive Committee, and as the Chair of the Membership Committee. She was instrumental in getting the Genesis Garden Tree placed in the lobby of the Museum and worked with Freeholder Amy Mallet to have signs installed on roads near the Museum to make it easier to find the Museum.

After coming to the end of her term limit last spring, she was off the Board for the past year. Helene looks forward to returning to serve on the Board.

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## **Carol Fox**

Carol has been a resident of Monmouth County, along with her husband, Stan, and son, Jason for twenty years, and is an elected county committeewoman in Monmouth County. Elected to the Board of JHMOMC in 2014, she is the official editor of all published material the Museum presents. Carol has volunteered for local school systems, kindergarten through twelfth grade, as president of many PTAs and as a selected member of superintendents committees that researched various aspects for the educational needs of our children. Carol is a college English instructor and private tutor for the SAT exam, in particular Composition, Research, and Literature, and is a licensed teacher for all grades. As a member of Marlboro Jewish Center, Carol has served as vice-president of education.

## **Marc Diament**

Marc has been a member of the JHMOMC Board for six years serving as Secretary and Vice President, as well as Chair/co-chair of Exhibits, co-chair of Timeline, chair of the Genealogy project, member of the Speakers' Bureau and member of the By-laws Committee, Executive Committee and Nominations Committee at various times. Marc is currently focusing on the Genealogy Project (a Federation grant funded project) which will bring Jewish Geography, traditional Genealogy, Community demographics, and oral histories to life in a new and innovative interactive experience.

As Exhibits chair this year, he coordinated creation of the Roosevelt Exhibit, and instituted and staffed night-time hours to make the museum available to students and working families. He is a regularly requested speaker for our Speaker's Bureau and has recently been instrumental in replacing the Museum's credit card machine with a Square device.

In the upcoming term, Marc intends to run for Vice President, and continue the work of the Exhibits and the Genealogy Committees. He then plans to transition leadership of the Exhibits Committee to someone new in preparation for the conclusion of his term limit in two years. Marc is very grateful for the opportunity to serve.

## **Dean Ross**

Dean has been a local businessman in the Monmouth County area for over 30 years. He is the owner of the Bagel Oven bagel shop, and the Doc Shoppe shoe store both in Red Bank. Dean and his wife, Sharyn, have 3 children, Sean, Melanie, and Dee, and one granddaughter. He is a member of Monmouth Reform Temple where he has served as a Board Member for over a decade. He is also involved with many charities in the Monmouth County area and has served as President of the Learning Disability Association for Monmouth/Ocean County. Dean serves as a member and past chair of the Red Bank Rent Leveling Board. As member of the Board of JHMOMC, Dean chairs the Building and Facilities committee. He is also on the Children's

Education committee, and has offered to present a bagel-making event at the bagel shop in the coming year. Dean spearheaded participation by the Museum in the 2015 Red Bank Street Fair.

## **Jeffrey Wolf**

Jeffrey retired from teaching elementary school in the Marlboro Township School District in 2006. He and his wife Karen, live in Manalapan and have two children, Alyssa and Jonathan. Jeff is a member of Freehold Jewish Center where he has served as a Trustee and Vice President, is currently the Synagogue's Financial Secretary, and has chaired or served on various committees for many years. Jeff became involved with JHMOMC in 2009 as a member of the Publications Committee. He is now one of the design editors of the newsletter, *Heritage Highlights*. He has also served as a member of many of the Museum's committees including the Program Committee, Exhibits Committee, and the Timeline Committee. He has been a member of the Executive Board, Treasurer and Vice President and is now in his second term as Co-President. Jeff looks forward to continuing to serve as a Trustee.

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## **Speakers Bureau**

Please consider utilizing the services of our very popular Speakers Bureau as you plan your organization's programming for the coming year. Our PowerPoint presentations are carefully researched and are chock full of interesting and informative content. Our programs can be presented at the Museum or a meeting site of your choice (in the Greater Monmouth County area). Get your reservations in early by booking one of the following programs:

- **Journey to Monmouth: From the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal to the New World)** (45-60 minutes)
- **The Story of the Jews of Monmouth County: In Town, At the Shore, and On the Farm** (30 minutes)
- **18<sup>th</sup> Century Monmouth County Jews: Colonial and Revolutionary Times** (30 minutes)
- **The Jewish Newport on the Jersey Shore: The History of the German Jews of Monmouth County** (45-60 minutes)
- **Louise Nevelson: Grand Dame of American Sculpture** (45 minutes)
- **Faces of Genius: Jewish American Nobel Prize Winners in Science and Medicine** (75 minutes)

### **At the Museum only**

- **The Land Was Theirs: Jewish Farmers in the Garden State** (55 minutes)

Please contact the Speakers Bureau through the Administrative Assistant at 732-252-6990.

**- Barbara Michaels, Speakers Bureau Chair**



THE NATIONAL YIDDISH  
THEATRE FOLKSBIENE  
In Its Exciting Production of  
**MAKHT A TSIMES**  
*(Make a Fuss)*

With musical director Dmitri Zisl Slepovitch  
Directed by Motl Didn

**Sunday**  
**May 31, 2015**  
**2:00 PM**



The Folktsbiene Troupe

**In Yiddish**  
**with English**  
**translation**  
**supertitles**

**Performance to be held at**  
**The Freehold Jewish Center**  
**59 Broad Street, Freehold**

This show features 90 minutes of fast paced Jewish wit and wisdom, beloved melodies from the golden age of Second Avenue, through the newest work of young artists creating in Yiddish today, co-sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County and the Freehold Jewish Center.

**Admission: \$25, Groups of six or more \$20,**  
**Students \$10**

For tickets, please call the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County at 732-252-6990 or visit our website [www.jhmomc.org](http://www.jhmomc.org) to buy tickets online.

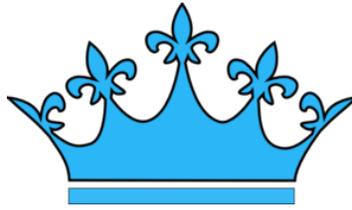
**(Tickets will be held at Freehold Jewish Center and are non-refundable).**

**This program is partially funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.**

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The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County present



## *The Queen B's of Broadway*

*Bernadette Peters, Barbra Streisand, and Bette Midler*

This original musical revue honors the careers of three Broadway celebrities presenting the songs and stories of their success.

Don't miss it!

You will leave with a **smile** on your face and a **song** on your lips.

**Saturday night, June 6, 2015      8:30 PM**

**Sunday afternoon, June 7, 2015    2:00 PM**

General Admission: \$25 per person

Sponsorship \$72 includes 2 premium reserved tickets plus name in program

For further information & reservations,

please call the Museum at 732-252-6990

or visit our website [www.jhmomc.org](http://www.jhmomc.org) to make reservations online.

(Reservations will be held at the Museum and are non-refundable).

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# 40th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War

by Joel Rosenbaum, member, History Committee

This past April 30, 2015, marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War. As a former USAF officer who served in Vietnam as Chief Forecaster of the USAF weather detachment at Cam Ranh Bay from October 1968-69, it remains both a painful and interesting time period in which I was actively involved.

I was commissioned an USAF officer after four years of AFROTC at Rutgers and graduation from Rutgers in 1966. The USAF sent me for a year of weather officer training at Texas A&M University. My first assignment was Otis, AFB on Cape Cod. From there I was sent to a specialized Tropical Forecasting course upon receiving orders for Vietnam.

Vietnam weather was a function of the Northeast and Southwest monsoons. Unlike our seasons, there is no set date for the start of each monsoon. As detachment chief forecaster I would brief weather for an USAF transport command post in the morning and a large gathering in an auditorium for the 12<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing in the afternoon. I lived in a metal un-air conditioned Quonset hut that could get quite hot during the Southwest monsoon. During Passover, my parents, living in Asbury Park, mailed me a care package of matzos, macaroons, and Passover treats.



USAF weather officer 1st Lt. Joel Rosenbaum giving weather briefing at Cam Ranh Bay, Feb. 1969

Vietnam had some interesting and little known connections to Jewish history. David Ben-Gurion and Ho Chi Minh once lived in the same Parisian hotel and became very friendly. Ho Chi Minh suggested the future Israeli prime minister proclaim a Jewish government in exile and establish its headquarters in northern Vietnam. France's Jewish prime minister from 1954-55, Pierre Mendes France negotiated an end to the French Indochina war. Jewish Secretary of State Henry

Kissinger ended the US combat role in the Vietnam war with the Paris Peace Accords. General Norton Schwartz, a native of Toms River, was the first Jewish Chief of Staff of the USAF. As a young pilot, he flew some of the last fixed wing C-130 transport evacuations from Saigon in April 1975. There were two Jewish servicemen awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in Vietnam, Jon Levitow and Jack Jacobs. Jacobs was commissioned as an Army officer through Army ROTC at Rutgers in 1966.

I kept a detailed weather diary of weather events I experienced in Vietnam. Copies were provided to the national archives and the USAF Air Weather Service history office.

Joel Rosenbaum was born in Jersey City and moved to Linden, NJ at an early age. His parents moved to Red Bank in 1963 and then to Asbury Park in 1965. His father's parents came from Romania and his mother's from Russia. Upon discharge from the USAF he returned to Rutgers for an MS in Meteorology doing graduate work in Satellite Meteorology. Joel's research work and MS thesis was presented at the NASA Houston Space Center by the head of the Rutgers Meteorology Dept.. Rosenbaum subsequently enrolled at Brookdale under GI bill benefits and received an AAS degree in Respiratory Therapy in the 1970s. He was employed at a Monmouth County Hospital for 20 years as a Registered Respiratory Therapist and working evening supervisor. He became sick from Agent Orange- caused cancer and other related diseases from exposure in Vietnam and is now rated at 100% disability service.

## An Angel in an Army Vietnam Medivac Helicopter 1st Lieutenant Howard J. Schnabolk of Sea Bright, NJ

"For my angel is with you, and he is the custodian of your lives." As a US Army medivac helicopter pilot evacuating the wounded from Vietnam battlefields often at the risk of his own life, Lt. Schnabolk was an angel to the wounded.

Lt. Schnabolk was assigned to the 489<sup>th</sup> Air Ambulance Company, 44<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade. On May 14, 1967 he guided his helicopter on eight rescue missions and was shot down twice on the same day. The following day he returned to duty piloting medivac flights.

On August 3, 1967, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Schnabolk, at the age of 23, and his co-pilot, were killed in action in South Vietnam when their helicopter, carrying a load of wounded soldiers, crashed. However, they were able to save the lives of some of the wounded on board. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.



US Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Howard J. Schnabolk photo courtesy Allan Schnabolk

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Schnabolk was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, and numerous awards of the Air Medal.

Howard J. Schnabolk grew up in Sea Bright, N.J. and graduated from Long Branch High School in 1961. He received an Army commission through ROTC upon graduation from Alfred University in 1965. He is buried at Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery in Tinton Falls, NJ.

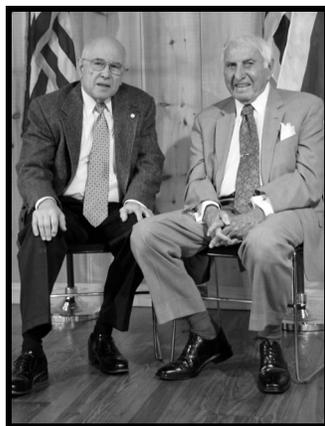
The Jewish War Veterans Post 515 of the Greater Red Bank area was named The Lt. Howard J. Schnabolk Post in his honor. The Lt. Howard J. Schnabolk Post merged with Jersey Shore Post 125 in August 2002. Howard was an Eagle Scout and the Jewish Chapel at Forestburg Scout Reservation in Forestburg, NY is dedicated in his memory.

Lt. Schnabolk's medals were presented posthumously to his parents by Maj. Gen. W.B. Latta at Fort Monmouth. Lt. Schnabolk's father was a civilian employee at Fort Monmouth.

*The writer appreciates the assistance of Larry Rosenthal, SFC US Army Ret., Commander, JWV, N.J. Dept and the use of Lt. Schnabolk's photo courtesy of his brother Allan Schnabolk.* - **Joel Rosenbaum**

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## Living Voices Oral History Project



**Sid Marshall and decorated WWII veteran Herbert Tanzman being interviewed at the JHMOMC**

2015 marks the 70th anniversary of World War II. In 2010 the JHMOMC celebrated the 65th anniversary with an exhibit called *Living Voices*, capturing the memories of Monmouth County veterans and citizens that remembered the war years at home and abroad. Former JHMOMC trustee Sid Marshall (current member of JWV post 125) served as the museum's official interviewer. He has succeeded in submitting the entire *Living Voices* catalog of interviews to the Library of

Congress for consideration to be included in the library's permanent Oral History Project. The Museum would like to thank Sid Marshall for his persistent commitment to this project and his skill in packaging the interviews as needed for consideration by the Library of Congress. The entire series of interviews are available for review at the JHMOMC and serve as a prime example of the Museum's ongoing commitment to preserving Monmouth County Jewish history and heritage for generations to come.

- **Michael Berman**

**Note: Herb Tanzman passed away in August of 2014.**

## Ruth Marcus Patt: Preserving and Celebrating New Jersey's Jewish History

Founder of the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey and long-time friend to the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County



**Ruth Marcus Patt  
1919 - 2015**

Ruth Marcus Patt, historian, author, lecturer, Zionist philanthropic organizer, and founder of the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey, died this past February, leaving behind a treasure of scholarship and accomplishment in the field of New Jersey Jewish history. Her seminal work, *The Jewish Scene in New Jersey's Raritan Valley* (1978) starts with the 1698 journey of Aaron Louzada,

(a Sephardic Jewish trader with family ties to Barbados), to Bound Brook, Middlesex County, where he settled and built his home (to be known locally as "The Jew House"). Here in Monmouth County, just south of Middlesex, documentation exists showing similar Sephardic Jewish traders in Freehold in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Patt's other books and pamphlets, including *The Jewish Scene in the Central Jersey Rural Areas* (1982), *The Jewish Experience at Rutgers* (1987), *The Sephardim of New Jersey* (1992), and *Uncommon Lives: Eighteen Extraordinary Jews from New Jersey* (1994), also offer parallels to the Monmouth County Jewish story. And, indeed, throughout the decades, Monmouth County historians have benefited from Ruth Patt's expertise. Just two years before her death, I contacted Ruth for information needed for our then forthcoming exhibit on Jewish poultry farmers.

When we first seriously started planning for a Monmouth County Jewish historical society-museum, back in 2003, Ruth invited us to work within the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey instead of forging ahead with a separate organization. Although we went our independent way, our two organizations have always cooperated in sharing research and exchanging speakers. There is no doubt in my mind, that Ruth Patt would have been very pleased to see the Jewish Federations of both Middlesex and Monmouth counties formally unite as they have this year.

- **Jean Klerman, Co-chair, History Committee**

## JHMOMC Co-Sponsorship With Outside Groups Brings Double Satisfaction for All!



**The JHMOMC and The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage partnered for a tour and lunch at the museum in Woodbine, NJ.**

Partnering between the Jewish Heritage Museum and outside organizations has brought increased benefits for all groups involved. Cooperation and networking has paid off with broader content, larger audiences, and more diverse programs. Recent co-sponsorships with *the Monmouth County Historical Association, Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage, Freehold Clergy Association, Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey, Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey, Axelrod PAC, and Chabad Lubavitch of Freehold* have resulted in a wide array of successful events both on and off site. Even more gratifying are the wonderful new friends and mutual respect that these partnerships develop.

### Matzah Making at the Museum

On March 22 the Children's Education and Events Committee held its third annual matzah baking program, under the leadership of Rabbi Avraham Bernstein from the Chabad Lubavitch of Freehold, NJ. The children enjoyed making their own matzah, baking it, and taking it home. The children as well as their parents and grandparents all had a great time!



**Rabbi Avraham Bernstein and children making Matzah at the March 22nd event.**



**THE FOUR CHAPLAINS**  
SACRIFICE AT SEA

**L. to R. Participants from the Freehold Clergy Association, Rabbi Edward Friedman of Freehold Jewish Center, Michael Berman of the JHMOMC, Rev. Loraine Priestley-Smith of the First United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Patricia Medley of Grace Lutheran Church and Rev. Ed Jawidzik of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church**



**Style Musical Revue**



**Rev. Ed Jawidzik of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church making his remarks at the program. Far right, Freehold Clergy Association member Rabbi Brooks Susman of Congregation Kol Am**



**The musical program featuring classic music and songs from the war years featured L. to R., Jamian Berkal, Bethe Burns and Brenda Schofield; under the musical direction of Vic Schioppo**





Jean Klerman, JHMOMC History Committee co-chair, Pati Githens, Monmouth County Historical Association Educational Programs Administrator, and Gloria Berman, Program Committee co-chair at Open Hearth Open House  
(Photo courtesy of the New Jersey Jewish News)



Covenhoven House exterior

The JHMOMC and the  
Monmouth County Historical Assoc.  
co-sponsor  
**Open Hearth, Open House**  
Colonial Sephardic Hearth Cooking  
at the Covenhoven House, Freehold



Bumuelos made from fried dough using matzah meal



Re-enactors L. to R. Susan Hnatuck, Grace Lowry, Sarah L., Will Githens and Pati Githens

## Jewish Journaling Creative Story Telling

The Jewish Heritage Museum has begun offering **Jewish Journaling**, a hands-on workshop for keeping and enjoying journals while adding a Jewish touch. New sessions have been scheduled for **Tuesday mornings from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, on May 5, 12, 19, and 26.** Participants will learn quick and easy journal-writing techniques to help explore, reminisce, celebrate and rediscover their Jewish identity.

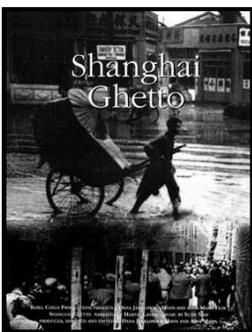
The program is run by Michele Klausner, who has training from the Center for Journal Therapy, and is a certified journal facilitator. She was the Program Coordinator of the Women's Program at Christ Hospital in Jersey City for more than 10 years where she ran a program called "Healthy Aging." She holds BA degree in art from Glassboro State (now Rowan) University, and an MA in psychoanalysis from Centenary College.

"You don't have to be a writer to enjoy this program. The workshop is easy, fun and very enriching for anyone," Michele explains. She creates a safe, comfortable, relaxed and creative environment to help participants discover the magic of journal writing with her sense of humor and caring nature. "A journal can be a history of where you've been, a statement of where you are, and a map of where you're headed" says Michelle. "It's a great tool for business, life planning, decision making, problem solving, and reflection."

After the first sessions that were offered in April, participants felt that they learned a great deal and were inspired by the dialogue and discussions which the workshop generated. They are motivated to return for future sessions.

The Museum hopes to offer additional Journaling workshops which may include parent/children journaling and family history journaling among other topics. Call the Museum for dates and times for future schedules.

- Alice Berman



## The Shanghai Ghetto Film and Discussion led by Henry Meisel

**Thursday August 13, 2015 2 PM**

Mr Meisel was a resident of Shanghai, having left Europe after Kristallnacht. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Shanghai was occupied by the Japanese and

Henry and his family remained in the "Shanghai Ghetto." He will share his story to illuminate this movie. Free of charge.

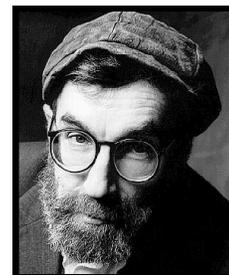
## "Dreaming Of A Mid-Summer Eve's Concert"

The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County and the Bravura Chamber Ensemble will once again join in presenting a classical "pops" concert at the Museum on Sunday, June 28 at 4 pm. The program will feature the work of three popular American masters of the stage, concert hall, and film: George Gershwin, Paul Schoenfield, and Erick Wolfgang Korngold. Tickets for this early evening musical entertainment cost \$18 for Museum members, \$20 for non-members and \$10 for students. A sponsorship is available for \$50 which includes two reserved tickets plus name in program.



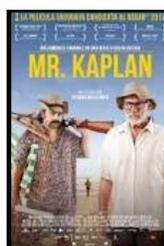
**George Gershwin (1898-1937)**  
Famed composer of "Porgy and Bess,"  
"An American in Paris," and "Rhapsody  
in Blue"

**Paul Schoenfield (1947)**  
Combines folk, classical, opera and jazz in  
works such as "Café Music," "Viola Concerto,"  
and "The Merchant and the Pauper"



**Erich Wolfgang Korngold (1897-1957)**  
Famous for his symphonic film scores  
such as "The Adventures of Robin  
Hood"

The Bravura Philharmonic Orchestra, from which the Chamber Ensemble performers are drawn, is based in West Windsor and has been serving the surrounding community under the direction of Chiu-Tze Lin since 2007.



## Israeli Film Festival

**July 14th 7 PM Mr. Kaplan**

After fleeing Europe for Uruguay during WWII, Jacob Kaplan built a quiet life. Now 76, he begins to question his worth. After learning of a mysterious German prowling the shores of a nearby beach, he becomes convinced that he's found a Nazi in hiding and plans to expose him. *Mr.*

*Kaplan* is a vivacious meditation on family, aging, and the drive for significance.

**July 15th 2 PM The Green Prince**

This extraordinary documentary recounts the true story of the son of a Hamas leader who emerged as one of Israel's prized informants, and the Shin Bet agent who risked his career to protect him.

**\$10 per film**

The Israeli Film Festival is co-sponsored with the Axelrod Performing Arts Center.



## JHMOMC Calendar of Events Spring/Summer 2015 Programs

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	Yiddish Theatre—Folksbiene <i>MAKHT A TSIMES</i> (Make A Fuss) \$25, Groups of six or more \$20, \$10 students To be held at Freehold Jewish Center, 59 Broad Street, Freehold
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 6</b>	<b>8:30 PM</b>	} <i>The Queen B's of Broadway</i> \$25 per person, \$72 Sponsor (includes two premium seats) and name in program)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING</b> Open to all members
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	<b>Interactive Genealogy Exhibit Opening</b> Free of charge (donations accepted)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 28</b>	<b>4 PM</b>	<i>Dreaming of a Mid-Summer Eve's Concert</i> The Bravura Chamber Ensemble \$18 members, \$20 non-members, \$10 students
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Film: <i>It Is No Dream - The life of Theodor Herzl</i> \$3 members, \$5 non-members, students free
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	Israeli Film Festival <i>Mr. Kaplan</i> \$10 per person
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	Israeli Film Festival <i>Green Prince</i> \$10 per person
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<i>Rev. John S. Grauel</i> Slide/Talk led by Art Finkle \$3 members, \$5 non-members, students free
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 19</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<i>Jewish Journeys</i> Photography Exhibit Opening \$36 per person
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<i>Exodus</i> (1997 PBS Documentary) Discussion and Critique led by Sally Cohen \$3 members, \$5 non-members, students free
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<i>Exodus</i> (1960 Movie excerpts) Discussion and Critique led by Sally Cohen \$3 members, \$5 non-members, students free
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<i>Faces of Genius</i> Slide/Talk Jewish Nobel Prize laureates in science and medicine \$3 members, \$5 non-members, students free
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	<i>Shanghai Ghetto</i> Film and Discussion led by Henry Meisel Free of charge

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### Exhibits

**New Exhibit opening July 19, 2015**

***"Jewish Journeys"***

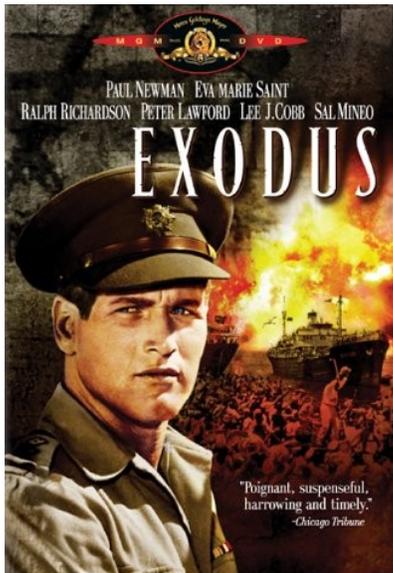
**An exhibit of photos of Global Travel with Jewish content**

For tickets to any of our events, please call the Museum at 732-252-6990  
or visit our website at [www.jhmomc.org](http://www.jhmomc.org)  
(Tickets will be held at the Museum and are non-refundable.)



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## From The Exodus to the Nobel Prize An Array of Early Wednesday Evening Programs Scheduled for the Museum this Summer

The Jewish Heritage Museum will open the Museum this summer for a series of early Wednesday evening cultural and historical programs. Some are repeats of previous Museum presentations and some are completely new. All are as entertaining as they are informative.

Three of the selections will be taking an in-depth view of how the story of the ship *Exodus-1947* has been portrayed in both non-profit and commercial film. First depicted will be Arthur Finkle's slide show on the Rev. John S. Grauel, the Methodist Zionist who served on the Exodus during its ill-fated attempt to bring hundreds of Jewish Holocaust survivors to Palestine and who subsequently pleaded their cause before the United Nations. Second and third, Sally Bauer Cohen, who teaches film at Rutgers, will show, compare, and critique the PBS Documentary of 1997 narrated by Morley Safer and the 1960 blockbuster movie starring Paul Newman, explaining the professionalism and artistry that went into their making.

Preceding these programs will be a film on the founder of Zionism, "It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl" on July 8th. The season's offerings will end with a slide/talk on Jewish Nobel Prize winners in science and medicine.

The museum will open from 6 PM to 9 PM on these Wednesday evenings. Light refreshments will be served at 6:15 prior to the program which will start at 6:30. All programs will end by 8:45. The Museum is considering a showing at another time of the full three-hour long 1960 Exodus film.

July 8-*It is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl*

July 15-Rev. John S. Grauel: Methodist Zionist – Arthur Finkel

July 22-Exodus-1997 PBS Documentary – Sally Bauer Cohen

July 29-Exodus-Excerpts 1960 Movie – Sally Bauer Cohen

August 5-Faces of Genius: Jewish Nobel Prize Winners in Science & Medicine

Admission: \$3 members, \$5 non-members, students free.

### Also This Summer

The Museum will be open to the general public on the last Thursday of May, June, July, and August from 7 PM to 9:30 PM.