

# HISTORIC B'NAI JACOB SYNAGOGUE



Nissley at Water Streets

Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

AUGUST 2010

## Services

### Calendar

#### Selichos:

Sat. Sept. 4, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Erev Rosh Hashana

(5771):

Wed. Sept. 8, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Rosh Hashanah:

Thurs. Sept. 9, 2010 -

9:15 a.m.

#### Rosh Hashanah:

Thurs. Sept. 9, 2010 -

6:30 p.m.

CUMBERLAND CROSSING  
RETIREMENT HOME,  
CARLISLE, PA, IN THE DAVIS  
DINING HALL (LOWER  
LEVEL)

#### 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Fri. Sept. 10, 2010 - 9:15 a.m.

#### Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre:

Fri. Sept. 17, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

#### Yom Kippur/Yizkor:

Sat. Sept. 18, 2010 -

9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m.

**Mincha/Ne'ela Service  
followed by Break-the-  
Fast - 5:15 p.m.**

#### Simchas Torah Service:

Fri. Oct. 1, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

Services are posted on the  
Shul Website at  
[www.bnai-jacob.org/calendar](http://www.bnai-jacob.org/calendar)

## SHUL ELECTIONS

### B'NAI JACOB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS IN FIRST EVER INTERNET POLL

This past Winter, our Shul received nominations for offices and board members from the Congregation by mail and over the Internet. We conducted the election using the Internet for the first time. Our thanks to all who provided nominations and then their votes.

The following members of the Congregation were elected as officers for 2010 and members of the Board of Directors for 2010 through 2012:

DR. MICHAEL D. ECKSTEIN,

President & Hazan

DR. THOMAS O. ARMSTRONG,  
Vice-President

LAWRENCE M. KAPENSTEIN,  
Treasurer & Shamas

BRUCE G. BARON, Esquire,  
Secretary

DR. LOREN M. BARISCH,  
Assistant Treasurer and also designated  
co-chair for Building Maintenance  
Committee.

The following members of the Congregation were elected as members of the Board of Directors for 2010 through 2012:

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## HARRY KAPENSTEIN BAR MITZVAH



The Shul was filled to the rafters on April 3, 2010. Members of the Congregation and the family and friends of Harry Kapenstein were among the 175 people in the standing room only crowd that came to celebrate his being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Harry, our Shul's longtime "Assistant Shamas," is the youngest son of Larry and Mari Anne Kapenstein of Middletown and a player on the Shul team in the Youth Summer Slam Basketball League coached by his brothers Ben and Dan. Many of his friends from Middletown were witnessing their first ever Bar Mitzvah. Harry, who had not had Hebrew lessons before, was well prepared by his father and Dr. Mike Eckstein, our Shul Hazan. Harry's parents, his father's twin brother "Uncle Jack" and younger brother "Uncle Joe", as well as Bubba Dorothy Kapenstein participated in the service. Harry is continuing to help with our community's services at the Shul.

**BEQUEST FROM JAKE ZUCK ESTATE**  
Our Shul has received a \$20,000 bequest from the Estate of Jake Zuck, z"l, and has been advised that there will be an additional distribution once Jake's real estate in Middletown is sold. Our Congregation is honoring Jake's memory on the first anniversary of his passing at the unveiling of his grave stone in the Keshet Israel Cemetery this Summer.

**SPORTS NEWS**  
The B'nai Jacob Summer Youth League basketball team won its first game this season by 6 points and then got blown out by 20 in its second game (they were missing a key player - on vacation). Once again, it is a strong team that is in contention for the League championship. Ben Kapenstein is the team coach, his brother Dan is the assistant coach, and their brother Harry is once again playing the point guard position for the team. Harry also took part in the basketball competition at the Junior Maccabi Games when they were held in Harrisburg in 2009.

Julian Armstrong will be participating in the JCC Maccabi Games in August 2010, in Omaha, Nebraska from August 1-6 (Other Host Communities are Denver CO, Richmond VA, and Baltimore MD). Julian will be participating with the Harrisburg delegation basketball team.

**Elections (continued)**  
DR. JOSEPH ABRAHAM  
DIANA M. McLAUGHLIN (Also designated Representative on Jewish Federation Boards)  
DEBRA ARMSTRONG (Also designated Chair for Oneg Committee)  
DEB SEBASTIAN BARISCH (Also designated co-chair for Building Maintenance Committee)  
HARVEY BURGER  
JUDY E. BURGER  
CELESTE ECKSTEIN  
ELISABETH ELLENBOGEN  
DR. PAUL GOTTFRIED  
DR. SANDY RABIN  
STANLEY T. SINGER  
MARLENE F. SNELL (Also designated to serve on Executive Committee)  
KEVIN G. SNELL (Baal Tekiya)  
LEONARD F. YABLON

### **CONGREGANTS' "LEAD A SERVICE" PROGRAM**

In his annual letter to the Congregation last year, our Shul President and Hazan Mike Eckstein invited members to participate in the new "Lead a Service" program. The first program was led by Larry Kapenstein and his son Harry; and, the most recent "Lead a Service" program was held on Friday, March 12, 2010, by women of the Congregation, including Celeste Eckstein, Deb Armstrong, Elisabeth Ellenbogen, and Sandy Rabin and featured responsive readings from the Prayerbook honoring women. If you would like to develop and schedule a "Lead a Service" program at the Shul, contact Mike Eckstein.

### **NEW SHUL PHONE NUMBER**

**717-319-3014**

### **2010 IDA BETTY ORNSTEIN – B'NAI JACOB SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

This scholarship is presented each year to a graduating senior at Middletown High School who the school staff nominates for courage and determination in dealing with unusual obstacles to get to graduation. This year's winner at the Middletown High School Graduation Ceremonies is Katelynn Jerome who kept up with her studies while battling cancer.



She served as the Student Council President and participated in cheerleading and other activities and clubs at the school. After graduation, she was again in the hospital for some follow up surgery but sent us a picture for the Newsletter. Our Congregation is praying for her full recovery. Contributions to support this scholarship fund can be sent to the Shul Treasurer.

### **SUKKAH SPECIAL PROJECT**

Julian Armstrong, the son of Tom and Deb Armstrong, is developing a special project for his Eagle Scout Award at Hampden Township's Boy Scout Troop 196: to provide a Sukkah for our Shul. Julian, whose Bar Mitzvah was celebrated by our Congregation at the Shul a few years ago, has continued to help with services at the Shul.