

HISTORIC B'NAI JACOB SYNAGOGUE



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Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Services Calendar

Shabbat Service:

Fri. Sept. 9 - 7:30 p.m.

**Erev Rosh Hashana
(5777):**

Sun. Oct. 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashana:

Mon. Oct. 3 - 9:15 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre:

Tues. Oct. 11 - 7:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Wed. Oct. 12 - 9:15 a.m.

Yizkor Service - 11:00 a.m.

Mincha - 5:00 p.m.

Ne'eila - 6:00 p.m.

Break-the-Fast - after sundown

Shabbat Service for

Veterans:

Fri. Nov. 11 - 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service:

Fri. Dec. 2 - 7:30 p.m.

Hanukah Party

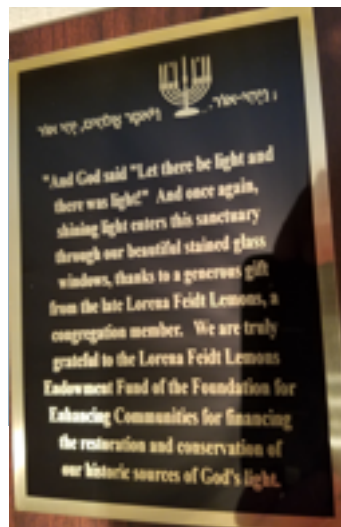
Sun., Dec. 25 - Noon

ONCE AGAIN - LET US GIVE THANKS ON THIS OCCASION

Historic B'nai Jacob Synagogue, now in its 113th year as a Congregation, has been working on a series of capital projects to update and preserve our Shul, which is a Historic Places site. We with these efforts by the unteer efforts of our support from individuals, businesses in Central and then some (see recent photo of the new facade above). Final work and weatherizing on the steps is to be completed by August 31, 2016. Our Shul reserved 100 of the old bricks from the original facade, with some to be used as thank you gifts (with a certificate of authenticity) for major donors and volunteers for the Shul's "Step Up" fundraisers, and some to be available for sale on the Shul's Website (information should be available on the Website by the end of August 2016).



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Our Shul also received a bequest from the Endowment Fund set up by Lorena Feidt Lemons, z'l, with the Foundation for Enhancing Communities, for use in updating the windows in the Sanctuary. The Shul has installed a plaque commemorating this multi-year gift in the Sanctuary near one of the windows. (see the attached photo)

Orstein Award

Our Congregation provides an annual award in honor of Ida Betty Orstein, z'l, to a graduating senior at Middletown High School who is nominated by the school guidance staff for overcoming difficult circumstances. This year's scholarship was increased to \$1000 as a result of a special gift and was awarded to Charity Cooper on Honors Night, May 19.

Charity was 9th in her class and pushed herself through pain and illness including



surgeries that placed a rod in her back, and her Mother's battle with cancer. She always makes time to help others and has been active in school sports and extra curricular activities, as well as in her church and Girl Scouts.

AN EVENING TO RE-MEMBER WITH PETE WAMBACH, JR.

Pete Wambach, Jr., a founding member of the Historic Harrisburg Association and former



State Representative for Pennsylvania's 103rd District, also nicknamed "The Mayor of Boas Street," will bring his great storytelling skills to our Shul on Saturday evening, **September 17, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** for a program entitled: "FROM WHENCE WE CAME", about his family's trip to the Czech Republic to research their family tree and their discovery of some Jewish roots. There will be a reception in the Social Hall after Pete's talk. Admission is free. More of Pete's stories are online in the "SusqueCentennial - Highmark Blue Shield Legacy Series - Harrisburg, PA" at www.idvl.org.

AND IN OTHER NEWS:

Our Congregation extends its best wishes to Marlin and Roxanne Toser, who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 17 and will be celebrating again at the Shul on September 9. And special thanks to them and their family for all their work and creative ideas in support of our successful fundraisers.

As it turns out, the new bar in the Shopping Area across from the Shul will not be located directly across from the Shul but at the other end of the area next to the new site for the Middletown AMTRAK station. There is a new building going up across from Shul, but it has no tenant yet.

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Historic B'nai Jacob Synagogue is located in Middletown, Pennsylvania, near the Harrisburg International Airport.

If you have Community News that you would like to share in the next Shul Newsletter or would like to be added to our mailing list, PLEASE e-mail that information on the Website e-mail link at: <http://www.bnai-jacob.org> AND ALSO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AND "THE COMMUNITY REVIEW" FOR OUR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES.

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