It was 64 years ago that community Jewish leaders placed their shovels in the dirt on South River Street in Wilkes-Barre. No doubt our great grandparents had their own personal vision of what might come of their new Jewish Community Center. As we now embrace an exciting new chapter across the river with our new Friedman Center for Jewish Life, I can’t help but reflect on all that was created in the original 64 year old building. A Jewish proverb says, “Don’t be wise in words. Be wise in deeds.” No doubt, our JCC founders would never have imagined how our Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service and Jewish Federation has touched lives for over six decades. Generations of families - no doubt your mother, or grandfather - even you - have seen your life enriched by the agencies of what is now known as the Jewish Community Alliance. I know I have. I can remember the creaks in the gym floor, the aromas of meals served here, the smiles and special care given to me by so many gifted JCC staff. For the first time, a college door opens through financial aid from Jewish Family Service. A family crisis is averted through the JFS Food packages. A generation of children in 1930 had their one hot daily meal at the JCC Day Camp at Twin Lakes - one of the major reasons why the day camp was created over 80 years ago during the Depression. Children’s lives were changed. Children from difficult home conditions, who couldn’t imagine swimming every day, or breathing country air, or going to an amusement park, or making a friend from across the river. Life-long friendships began at the JCC Day Camp. We operate the longest-operating and largest summer camp regionally, since it opened. For more than 80 summers since, our camp scholarships allow hundreds of children a magnificent summer experience of fellowship, fun and value building. Our JCC Camp also provides life-changing skill training and fun to special needs campers with autism, Asperger’s and other challenges. Your grandparents, your children and you have built life-long friendships under the basketball hoops, swimming, playing baseball - just a few of the many JCC sports programs. Many participants have recovered from physical disabilities and become stronger, healthier persons through our JCC fitness and wellness programs. Infants-who are now themselves grandmothers - began their lives built on the social, learning and nutritional foundation of the JCC Early Childhood programs. The JCA umbrella of programs has always been color-blind, needs-blind, and open to the entire Northeast Pennsylvania community. As I look over the blueprints for our new Friedman Center for Jewish Life, I am excited and anticipate great things. As I reflect on the thousands of lives enriched here in this JCC complex over the last 60 years, I rejoice and look forward to the next generation who will bring pride and commitment to the next 60 years.

Mitch Kornfeld
President, Jewish Community Alliance

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From the Archives:
JCC-Shoemaker Home, 1954
The concept for Members in Perpetuity, initiated by Louis Smith, the Center’s first Executive Director, had its inception in 1957 as a means of continuing a strong, stable membership, while at the same time perpetuating the family name in the ongoing day-to-day history of the JCC. There are 177 families presently enrolled as Members in Perpetuity. We thank them for their generosity and continuing support. We want to give a special “thank you” to those who contribute above and beyond expectations. These members provide much needed additional support to the Center through their dues. Members in Perpetuity and Benefactors are additionally honored on plaques on the walls outside the Smith Room. You and your family can become members in perpetuity by contacting Rick Evans.

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**JCC GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ABOUT OUR CENTER:**

The JCC, under the umbrella of the Jewish Community Alliance of NEPA (JCA), provides for the social, educational, and recreational needs of the Jewish community of Wyoming Valley. A variety of activities in physical education, skill classes, interest groups, cultural and social programs are offered throughout the year for all ages. The JCC facility has a men’s and women’s health club, fitness room, indoor pool, gymnasium, conference rooms, classrooms, congregated meal program, auditorium/social hall, and a resource center. Other programs offered by the JCC include student loans, kosher home-delivered meals, and Sara’s Table food pantry. A summer facility, Holiday House, ten miles outside of the city, serves as the JCC’s Day Camp for over 400 children, as well as the outdoor recreational facility for Center members.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

River Street Building
Office: Building
Sunday: 8:30 AM - *  7 AM - *
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 AM - 7 PM  6 AM - 7 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 4 PM  6 AM - 4 PM
Saturday: Closed Until Sundown in the Camp
*Varies with program schedule
Holiday House
(wear per permitting)
Weekdays: 4:00-6:00 PM during Camp
Sundays: Noon-4:00 PM

**KASHRUT**

Jewish dietary laws of Kashrut are observed in the JCC kitchens and in the facility. Therefore, all foods entering the Center, and those used in our programs, are strictly kosher. The JCC utilizes a mashgich (Mrs. Sophie Pernikoff) to supervise the kashrut of the kitchens.

**SABBATH POLICY**

In observance of the Sabbath, the JCC is closed from sunset on Friday to sundown on Saturday.

**INSURANCE**

Please be advised that participation in Center programming does not automatically insure members. Should an accident occur, the Center is not liable for expenses. Center members are expected to use their own health and medical care insurance. Each member is required to sign a Release and Indemnity Agreement before participating in all Center programs. The Agreement is part of the registration form.

**PERSONAL ITEMS**

The JCC will not, under any circumstances, be responsible for loss of personal effects and valuables of our members. Members should check valuables with the front office. The Center is not responsible for any item left in the lockers or locker room areas.

**ENTRY PASSES:**

1) Parking lot: The JCC parking facility provides convenience for its members and makes the JCC building easily accessible. Cost of parking access card is $25.00. However, the limited number of available parking spaces requires the implementation of rules and directions in order to provide the fairest and most effective use of the parking facility. The Center cannot be responsible for damage or loss while cars are parked in the lot. Cars may not be parked in the lot while attending college classes or while engaged in non-center business. Cars illegally parked will be towed at the owner’s expense. You may not allow a second person to use your card or enter behind you.

2) Building Entry: The same pass that operates the parking lot is your entry card for the building. These cards will admit you through the parking lot doors only. The River Street entry doors are now closed for security reasons. Each new member may purchase a card for $25.00. They may also purchase additional cards. Cards will no longer be given out free of charge. Any member whose dues are in arrears will have their card deleted from the JCC system.

**SMOKING POLICY**

The JCC has been designated a smoke-free building. Smoking is not permitted in any area of the facility. Please cooperate.

**THE JCC OF WYOMING VALLEY:***

* Promotes respect and understanding of Jewish values, history and culture.
* Brings exciting programming for the mind and soul that is intellectually challenging and entertaining.
* Fosters an understanding and support for Israel.
* Volunteer - as a non-profit organization the JCC is always looking for good volunteers. Tell us about your talents and we’ll see if we can find the perfect place for you at the JCC. Share your ideas - send us your ideas and suggestions for cultural or education programs.
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF WYOMING VALLEY
JEWISH HOLIDAYS 2016

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Steve Arnovitz, Food Service Director

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Harvey Rapaport, Congregate Meals & Deli
Bedonna Mitchneck
Steve Nachlis

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Executive Director: Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus

Ina Lubin, President

Executive Board:  David Meisels, Incoming President

Contact: Rabbi Larry G. Kaplan

570-824-8927

Rabbi’s Classes: On-going Adult Education

Religious School: Tuesday & Thursday

5:15 PM & Shabbat Services

Sunday 8:00 AM, Evenings

Services: Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Weekdays Shacharit 9:30 am

Sunday Shacharit 9:30 am

Mincha 15 minutes before sundown

Level of religious observance.

We feel at home regardless of background, affiliation or level of religious observance.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS-JWV
Jewish War Veterans welcome any veteran of the Jewish faith. Breakfast meetings are held on various Sunday mornings. The JWV provides support for all veterans and the VA Hospital. Commander: Sam Greenberg, JWV Auxiliary: Barbara Greenberg

QUEEN ESTHER HEBREW LADIES AID SOCIETY (QEHLAS)
QEHLAS raises funds which stay in the community to fund interest free college loans. It has a life membership roll which is a who's who of local Jewish history. The group socializes at luncheons with brief business meetings and speakers on Jewish solutions to social problems. President: Connie Roth

Scholarship Committee
What do a youngster who wants to go to JCC camp, a child with autism who would like to attend the JCC’s Autistic Program, and a college student who could use a little help paying tuition all have in common? They all can benefit from the scholarship assistance provided by the JCA.

Scholarship programs have long been a part of our Jewish community and the merging of our agencies into the JCA has meant that the scholarships for camp, the autism program and college are centralized now and administered by a communal Scholarship Committee.

In addition to scholarship aid for camp, autistic programs, membership and programs for seniors, grants and loans are also available for education and training beyond high school such as technical, college and graduate school. These five programs of assistance for Jewish students graduating from local schools include:

- The Rella Roth Fund, named in honor of Rella Roth, provides loan assistance to eligible graduates
- The Betty Lieberman Sirlin Fund provides loan assistance to disadvantaged or low income family students seeking assistance for college
- The Max Bar tikowsky Scholarship Fund provides loan assistance for Jewish students seeking support for graduate school
- The Gelb Fund provides grant assistance to Jewish students seeking some form of post high school education at a college or university
- The Lau Smith Scholarship Fund provides grant assistance for Jewish students attending Wilkes University who are members in good standing of the JCA.

There is no interest on the loans and repayment is scheduled after completion of education.

Families and students desiring scholarships can contact Rick Evans or Denise Garofalo at 570.824.4646 confidentially to receive the required forms.

Scholar in Residence
Throughout the year, the JCA sponsors programs and lectures for our local community. The Scholar in Residence programs have covered topics ranging from Israel, Jewish arts, drama, to current topics of interest to our local community.

Community Kiddush
Once a year, the JCA hosts and sponsors a community Kiddush. All of the synagogues in the surrounding area participate in these lively luncheons following Saturday morning services. Contact Barbara Sugarman.
The story of Purim is recounted in the Book of Esther, whose eponymous heroine plays the leading role in saving her people. The holiday is traditionally celebrated with gifts to friends and the poor.

While the origins of Purim appear clear from the Book of Esther, historians have looked in vain for any sort of extra-biblical corroboration of the events of the story. Be that as it may, it is a tale that purports to take place during the time when many Jews were living in Persia. A young Jewish woman, Esther, rises to be Queen of Persia under the tutelage of her guardian Mordecai. All, however, is not right. The Jews have enemies, and a certain Haman, the grand vizier, plots the Jews’ destruction. Even though Haman immersed himself in evil Haman’s plot. At the end of the story, the Jews are saved by Esther, who prevails on her to risk her life by revealing her true Jewish identity from all, Mordecai.

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The central ritual of Pesach is the seder, a carefully choreographed ritual meal that takes place either in the home or in the community. A number of symbolic foods are laid out on the table, of which the most important are the matzah, the unleavened “bread of affliction,” and the Shank bone, which commemorates the Passach sacrifice in the Temple. The seder follows a script laid out in the Haggadah, a book that tells the story of the redemption from Egypt and thanks God for it. Although the Haggadah is a traditional text, many people - particularly in the modern world - add to it and revise it in accord with their theology and understanding of God’s redemptive actions in the world.

Although the focus of Passover observance is on the home, it should not be forgotten that Pesach is a holiday, on the first and last days of which traditional Judaism prohibits working. There are special synagogue services, including special biblical readings, among which one finds Shir ha-Shirim, “The Song of Songs” and Halil, Psalms of praise and thanksgiving for G-d’s saving act in history. The last day of Passover is one of the four times a year that the Yizkor service of remembrance is recited.


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SUKKOT
Beginning five days after Yom Kippur, Sukkot is named after the booths or huts (sukkot in Hebrew) in which Jews are supposed to dwell during this week-long celebration. According to rabbinic tradition, these flimsy sukkot represent the huts in which the Israelites dwelt during their forty years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Sukkot is one of the three great pilgrimage festivals of the Jewish year. Much of the imagery and ritual of the holiday revolves around rejoicing and thanking God for the completed harvest. The sukkah represents the huts that farmers would live in during the last hectic period of harvest before the coming of the winter rains.

Many of the most popular rituals of Sukkot are practiced in the home. As soon after the conclusion of Yom Kippur as possible, often on the same evening, one is enjoined to begin building the sukkah or hut, that is, the central symbol of the holiday. The sukkah is a flimsy structure with at least three sides, whose roof is a structure made out of thatch of branches, which provide some shade and protection from the sun, but also allows the stars to be seen at night. It is traditional to decorate the sukkah and to spend as much time in it as possible. Weather permitting, meals are eaten in the sukkah, and the hardier among us may also elect to sleep in the sukkah. In a welcoming ceremony called Ushpizin, ancestors are symbolically invited to partake in the meals with us. And in commemoration of the bounty of the Holy Land, we hold and shake four species of plants (arba minim) consisting of palm, myrtle, and willow (lulav) together with citron (etrog).

When: Sunset October 23 to Sunset October 25, 2016

HANUKKAH
Hanukkah is an 8-day festival, which usually takes place in December. The story of Hanukkah hails back to a period in history when Jews were forbidden by law to follow their faith and many were forcibly converted or killed for not converting.

Eventually a band of Jews called the Maccabees gathered an army and revolted against the Greeks and won the battle, although their Temple and way of life was all but destroyed. This band of men sought to clean up the Temple and restore the faith, but in order to light the Temple, the special candelabra (Menorah) was needed and only enough oil could be found to keep it lit for one day. However, a miracle occurred and the Menorah continued to remain lit for seven days (eight nights) until new oil could be made to keep the light going.

Traditions of Hanukkah include lighting the candles on the Menorah every night for eight nights in a home, eating food cooked in oil (doughnuts, potato pancakes called latkes, etc) giving presents, holding parties and celebrations and playing games with a dreidel, a traditional spinning top.

When: Sundown December 24 to Sundown January 1, 2017

SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH
A follow-up to Sukkot, the completion of the annual cycle of Torah readings. The holiday is celebrated with dancing and rejoicing with the Torah Scrolls.

When: Sunset October 16 to Sunset October 18, 2016

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
The JCC wants you! Please call and let us know what you would like to do. Be sure to include your name, phone/cell and e-mail where you can be reached. Volunteer opportunities include front desk duty, delivery, committee member, knitting bee member or contributor.

JUST JUDAICA
Located on the first floor of the Jewish Community Center, the Just Judaica Gift Shop offers a wide variety of items for all your gift-giving needs. Are you searching for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Gift? Attending a wedding? How about looking for something for an upcoming holiday? Stop by and see the variety of gifts available. Contact Sherry Davidowitz for special orders.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT THE JCC

MILTON BROWN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Fox Hill Country Club
Held in September

Awards presented include the Saul Rubel Honorarium for closest to the pin on Holes 3, & 11, and the Jay Brown Memorial Award presented in the Women’s and Guest Division. All proceeds go towards sending autistic children to the JCC Day Camp each summer.

BENJAMIN AUGUST MEMORIAL
3-Mile Run & Walk
 Held in the Fall
Sponsored by Sandy & Arnold* Rifkin, and in memory of Sandy’s father, Benjamin August*.

MAIN STREET 3-MILE RUN & WALK
Held in the Spring

RIFKIN RESOURCE CENTER
The establishment of the JCC’s Rifkin Resource Center, with a collection of over 1000 video tapes, as well as books and reference materials and audio tapes, is a continuation of its commitment in 1985 when Arnold* and Sandy Rifkin generously lent their support to make available Judaic material to all educational institutions. This service is also available to all individuals in the community. Included in our collection are such topics as the Holocaust, Jewish Life, Jewish Holidays, Life Cycle, Customs, Israel, Cooking, Entertainment, Multi-Cultural, Local History, Children’s Books, PJ Library, Jewish Literature and more. Please come use our library.

TALLIS WEAVING AT THE JCC
Steve Nachlis, Weaving Program Director, Ext 237.

Are you interested in weaving at the JCC? Want a tallis? How about a new tallis bag? How about weaving matzah and afikomen bags for Passover? The JCC of Wyoming Valley is the only Center in the US, that we know of, to have a weaving program. Created in 1966, this celebrated program provides members at a discount, and non members with the opportunity to weave heirloom garments for their sons, daughters, grandchildren, husbands, wives or other family and friends – or even for themselves. You do not have to know how to weave or even be someone who has done creative handwork in the past. The Loom Room staff will guide you through the process. With our help, you can weave.

Are you and your friends all invited to the same affair? Why not get together on a gift and weave a tallis or even a wedding chuppah? What a beautiful joint gift from all of you. A gift that would be treasured for years to come. Don’t miss your chance to participate in the ancient art of Tallis weaving. Stop by the Loom Room on the second floor and see the program in action.

Additional new items to weave are Challah covers and gifts for the newborn. We will continue to offer tallis and Chuppahs as well as matching matzah and afikomen bags. The finished matzah bag will have separations for the top, bottom and middle matzoh. The afikomen bag will close to be suitable for hiding. What a special way to add to your Passover traditions. If interested, call and sign up now to assure yourself a spot to weave. Remember—you do not have to be crafty, handy or a weaver. The experienced Loom Room staff will help you from design to completion. Everyone can weave at the JCC weaving room.

Questions or want to sign up? Call the JCC at 570-824-4646 and ask for the Loom Room, ext. 237. If we are not there, please leave a message and someone will call you back.
**JCC News Article**

George Marcy, Director

From the archives:

Friday 1:00 pm

Non-Life Masters

Thursday 1:00 pm

Sessions: Monday 1:00 pm

There is an interest. Directed by George Marcy.

JCC at 570-824-4646.

Dr. Robert Capin Current Events – Monday – Friday.

Congregate Meals are held at 12:00 noon, weekday Events at the JCC.

Remember, congregate meals are $2.00. If you are 60 and registered in the program; if not, meals are $6.00.

Jewishwilkes-barre.org for all camp info.

Any changes and/or additions can be made by contacting Gail at the JCC.

Volunteer your time for a good cause. All meals are Kosher and cooked at the Jewish Home. Private pay is available. Call for more information – 570-824-4646.

Join us for discussion and refreshments. There is no charge for this program. Call Barbara Sugarman at 570-824-4646 and let her know you will attend.

Be sure to check out the JCC website at www.Jewishwilkes-barre.org for current and updated programming info and JCCDAYCAMP.COM for all camp info.

JCC Scholastic Club

Minstrel Show 1941

From the archives:

**THE JACK BENNY RADIO SHOW**

Go back in time and turn on your imaginary console radios, as the Jack Benny Show returns to the airwaves. The show features the JCC Radio Players as cast members Mary Livingston, Phil Harris, Don Wilson, Eddie “Rochester” Anderson, Frank Nelson (Yes!!!), Artie Auerback (as “Mr. Kitzel”) and Mel Blanc (as “Polly the Parrot”). Joining them will be special guests Doris Day, Eddie “Rochester” Anderson, Frank Nelson (Yes!!!), Artie Auerback (as “Mr. Kitzel”) and Mel Blanc (as “Polly the Parrot”).

If you are interested in taking part in this program, talk to Sheldon Spear or Barbara Sugarman for more information.

**KOSHER MEAL DELIVERY**

Delivery is once a week on Mondays at 9:30 am. Volunteer your time for a good cause. All meals are Kosher and cooked at the Jewish Home. Private pay is available. Call for more information – 570-824-4646.

**SARA’S PANTRY**

Call for days and hours. Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution. Volunteers will assist with greeting patrons, filing monthly work, filling grocery bags, moving stock, helping patrons and selecting food items. Call if you are interested in volunteering.

**JCC KNOTTING BEE**

The Knitting Bee was established to bring together members of the Center in a social atmosphere and at the same time produce knitted and crocheted items that can be sold resulting in a profitable program to raise money for the JCC Day Camp. The Knitting Bee distributes various items to charitable institutions. The knitting mentors work closely with Misericordia University. Contact Charlotte Klabanski for more information.

**JCC INSTITUTE OF LEARNING**

Every Wednesday, beginning January and running through March from 10:30 am-11:30 am, join us for a weekly lecture and question and answer session with prominent members of our community.

Join us for discussion and refreshments. There is no charge for this program. Call Barbara Sugarman at 570-824-4646 and let her know you will attend. While you are here, join in our Congregate Meal program in the Weiss Auditorium. (Reservations can be made at the JCC front desk.)

**CHICKEN THURSDAY! LET’S DO LUNCH**

Every Thursday is “Chicken Thursday.” Lunch will be a different type of chicken each week, and our president, Mitch Kornfeld, will attend and answer your questions. Remember, congregate meals are $2.00. If you are 60 and registered in the program; if not, meals are $6.00.
At the JCC, mature adults will find a home away from home and the perfect place to spend productive, stimulating days with active friends. From recreational activities and personal enrichment classes to health and fitness programs and Jewish learning, the JCC provides endless opportunities to live a rich, full life. Join a discussion group. Stay for lunch. Play bridge, gin or mah jong. Join a group that fits your lifestyle, interests or needs. Or tell us your wishes and we can create a new group. Enjoy speakers, shows, trips or just camaraderie. Whatever you are looking for — friends, old and new are at the JCC. Seniors gather daily to share a good meal and good conversation. Classes are held to encourage socialization, discussion about current events, and exploration of new and old hobbies and current events programs. The JCC also offers an interesting lecture series on various topics. And of course, the JCC is dedicated to the health and well-being of our seniors with exercise classes, nutrition counseling and health oriented workshops.

**SENIOR ADULT COMMITTEE**

Input from membership is valued by the JCC. If you are interested in serving on a senior committee at your JCC please call us at 570-824-4646.

**CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM**

Serving meals to individuals 60 years of age or older. This program is funded by the Area Office of the Aging. Kosher, balanced meals are served five days a week at the JCC. All meals are prepared on site by Steve Aronovitz. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Alternate meals can be chosen 24 hours in advance. There is no charge for the lunch program, but a donation of $2.00 is accepted. Participants are encouraged to stay for programs following lunch.

Congregate meals are those meals provided in a group setting, the goal of which is to provide low cost, nutritionally adequate meals and facilitate socialization. Each meal must contain at least one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for persons 60 years of age or older as established by the National Academy of Science National Research Council, and only those foods or combinations of food served which meet the one-third RDA requirements may be counted as a meal. Menus must be prepared in advance, under the direction of a Registered Dietitian, and submitted to the AAA for approval.

Takeout meals can be purchased for $6.00. Advanced orders are preferred. Under 60 can partake in Kosher balanced meals served five days a week at the JCC. All meals are prepared on site by Steve Aronovitz. Kosher, balanced meals are served five days a week at the JCC. Under 60 can partake in Kosher balanced meals served five days a week at the JCC. All meals are prepared on site by Steve Aronovitz.

**NEW YEAR’S PARTY**

Plan to join us for the galaike Cimmet Memorial New Year’s Party to welcome in the New Year. Details pertaining to the event will appear on the website.

**LOMIR REDDEN YIDDISSH**

Return to the roots and language of our ancestors at an informal Yiddish class filled with a little laughter, singing and kibbitzing. Individuals may also join a Yiddish Tish at Congregate Meals. The program is led by Eli Fleisher. The program is held every 7 weeks.

**MEN’S CLUB**

Each Tuesday at 11:15 am a group of men gather together for camaraderie and a program. The JCC Men’s Club offers its members the chance to socialize, meet new friends, take part in discussion groups, listen to lectures, and go on field trips. Meeting updates and schedules are in our weekly blast. Many of our members are retired and many are active volunteers who like to share their interests and hobbies. The afternoon can be completed by lunch and cards. President: Julius Caplan

**UBERG & WINKLER CONCERT SERIES**

Included in this series are the Al and Leah Ulburg Meorial Concert, endowed by their children, Margie and Murray Ulburg, and the Ethel and William Winkler Concerts, endowed by the late Dr. Harry Lyons and his wife, Irene and the late Herbert Winkler and his wife, Ethel. All concerts are free and open to the public and are followed by a dessert reception. Any questions, call Barbara Sugarman. Check the website for upcoming dates and times.

**JCC PRE-SCHOOL**

A Pre-School for young children 18 months-3 years old. Directed by Sara Pisarz 570-824-4646 Ext. 249 or 243. The JCC offers a pre-school program designed to be an effective first school experience for 18 months-3 year olds. This program implements a good foundation to the learning process while providing a loving and caring atmosphere for your child. The staff includes a teacher and one aide for every five students.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS**

We want your children to have the best programs and facilities available to them so that they can become active and energetic participants in our community. Our Early Childhood Department is designed especially with your child’s growth and development in mind.

**“SAM & CLAIRE ROSENBERG OF BLESSED MEMORY TOT LOT”**

This playground sits in a dedicated, secure area, covered with mulch, off Northampton Street. The Rosenberg playground includes two crawling tubes, a sliding board/climbing apparatus and a fire engine ride. It was built to allow our children to have an outdoor facility to play when the weather allows. This playground was built in memory of Sam & Claire Rosenberg.

The school program begins after Labor Day and runs through the first week of June. A graduation ceremony is held at the conclusion of the school year. School picture day is held in the fall and for graduation. The cost for Monday-Friday, 9 am-1 pm is $400 per month. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Before and after care are available for an additional fee. If you would like to register your child or would like additional information about this program, please contact Sara Pisarz at 570-824-4646. Our programs are United Way Funded. All are welcome.
PARTY AT THE JCC!
Give your child a Center-ific party at the JCC! It’s an exciting, memorable way for birthday children and their friends to celebrate this special day! Best of all, we take care of the clean-up! Choose a professionally supervised party to suit your child’s interests.

Your child can have a choice of bowling, swimming, gym activities or arts & crafts. During summer months, parties can also be held at the Center’s day camp facility located near Harvey’s Lake. To reserve a date, a 50% deposit is required. To make a reservation for your child’s party or for more information, contact Sara Pisarz at 570-824-4646 ext 243.

SCHOOL IS OUT PROGRAMS
When School is OUT….the Center is IN! Directed by Sara Pisarz. We begin at 9:00 am on no school days. Lots of activities are offered, including gym, swim, bowling, arts & crafts and trips out of the building. Fee is $40 per day. The program ends at 3:00 pm. Snack and lunch is included. Call Sara to register at 570-824-4646. Watch your email for dates and times.

I. MALCOLM PEARLMAN MEMORIAL CHILDREN’S BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Sponsored by Stanley & *Debbie Pearlman
Directed by Sara Pisarz
Let your child show off his bowling skills in this fun-filled tournament. The tournament is held each year. There is no fee for this program. Lunch is included.

FRIDAY’S KIDS AUTISTIC SWIM, GYM & BOWLING PROGRAM
Directed by Joan Kleinman
 Held at the JCC each week on Fridays for Autistic Children, teens and family members
4:00-6:00 pm

SENATE & TEEN PROGRAMS

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SENATE
Directed by Sara Pisarz, 570-824-4646, Ext. 243
The Senate Program is open to any 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade girl or boy who is a member of the Jewish Community Center. Programs are recreational, social & athletic in nature. Everything is designed for this age group.

A $35 membership due is required by a child whose parents are members of the JCC. A $55 fee is required if the child’s parents are not members of the JCC.

Senate dues are needed to help defray the cost of programming and pay for staff to cover the building and attend Senate events. Activities include open gym, bowling, swim, game room, rock climbing, in-house movies and sleep overs. Some outside events will include movies, hayrides, haunted walk, play plaza and more. Programs will run Saturday evenings from 7-10 pm. This year’s Senate will have an interactive Junior High School Board. This group of interested youth will plan the activities for this year’s Senate.

The second facet of our teen program requires no BBYO membership fee and is done on a local level. The teen program develops individual growth of our teens and provides an atmosphere for group interaction. These goals are achieved through:

2) Social Action: Teens volunteer with community based projects such as telethons, hospital visits, senior citizen programs, etc.
3) Fund Raising: UJA Campaign and other events are used to raise money for the individual group or special project.
4) Inter-generational: College students, teens & senior citizens meet for an exchange of ideas.

The list of conventions is available by calling Sara Pisarz, Teen Director at 570-824-4646.

Partial Listing of Local Teen Programs:
September: Shofar Blowing for Shut-Ins
December: Intergenerational Program
April: Participation in Yom Hashoah Program

Additional Community Teen Organizations:
Temple Youth: Temple B’nai B’rith 570-287-9606
National Conference of Jewish Synagogue Youth: Congregation Ohav Zedek 570-825-6619
United Synagogue Youth: Cantor Ahron Abraham Temple Israel 570-824-8927

From the Archives: JCC 1948 Softball Tournament poster
From the Archives: 1953 Blueprint of JCC Bowling Alley

* of blessed memory
WITNESS TO THE HOLOCAUST
This special exhibit and presentations by survivors and liberators are presented for public and private high schools from Luzerne County and the Poconos. Groups of teens come to the program and learn about the Holocaust and the lessons that can be learned from that dark period of world history. Last year over 800 youths participated. If you know of a school or civic group that would like to participate, contact Barbara Sugarman. Watch for 2016 dates.

YOM HAZIKARON AND YOM HA’ATZMAUT FLAG RAISING & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
Join us as we commemorate Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha’atzmaut on May 11! A community celebration is held every year.

JCC BOOK CLUB
Come and join our JCC Book Club for a lively discussion and delicious lunch. We meet at the JCC every 2 weeks; you can join us at any time.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS
Building on the past successes of the Jewish Community Center, “The Young Adult Program” is working to bring new ideas and new energy to our social group and to get more people involved. “Young Adult Programs” serves as a source of continuing leadership for all of the Jewish institutions in our community; serves to connect people to each other and to our Jewish community; works to raise funds and provide an evening of fun. “Young Adult Programs” is committed to building a better Jewish community in Wilkes-Barre.

The group offers a variety of social events, educational programs, special interest programs, and volunteer opportunities. “Young Adult Programs” seeks to include everyone in its events: singles, couples and families, secular to observant. Young Adult Programs hold several social, cultural, educational, and social action events throughout the year. Look for information on the website at www.jewishwilkes-barre.org.

For more information, to volunteer, or to add your name to the mailing list, contact Barbara Sugarman at 570-824-4646, Ext. 246. Chairperson: Mitch Kornfeld.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS AT THE JCC
Each year we carry torches, Mayrut Halopid, from the area Synagogues to light the large Menorah in front of the JCC. We will celebrate with a Chanukah Dinner at the JCC. On each night of the festival, join our family to light the Community Menorah, and then come inside to light a family Menorah, and enjoy refreshments and singing. Let us know if you have a group to be represented at the annual candle lighting.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY SEDER
The annual Passover Seder will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016. Join your friends and bring your family for a community Passover Seder. We had over 200 people last year and hope to host more this year. Let us know if you would like to participate.

JCC GROWTH COMMITTEE
The JCA Growth Committee is led by Dave Kayton and Mitch Kornfeld. The committee’s mission is to retain and involve the area’s Jewish community, as well as to reach out to Jewish people outside the area and let them see all the area has to offer. This will ensure our community’s longevity and vitality. The JCC welcomes individuals to the community on a personal basis. A 6-month free membership is available to new residents.

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The team has determined quite a few areas of improvement and has made progress on several of them. We have had successful social events at the Woodlands. We created a JCA Facebook page and already have over 275 “likes.” In addition, the committee is creating a brochure to show off our community to newcomers and potential newcomers, and we are reinstituting the recruiting/welcoming committee. Finally, we encouraged the re-introduction of our newsletter and are working to improve our JCA website’s overall appearance. In the coming months, we hope to improve our community’s outreach to the local universities, to set up a young people’s group and work to find and recruit new people to the area.

We are reaching out to all “Newcomers,” to be our guest to our annual Chanukah dinner and Passover Seder. Please call the JCC and introduce yourself and see what we can do for you.
THE J MEANS FITNESS!

Come back to us! Nothing is more important than your health…and nothing helps insure your good health and vitality more than the regular kind of exercise and fitness programs available here at the JCC. We have a full size gymnasium; a four lane, 20 yard indoor heated pool; a fully equipped exercise room including a full line of strength training equipment; locker rooms and a complete men’s and women’s health club. There is also an internationally certified personal trainer on staff to answer your questions. So, what are you waiting for? Come back to the J!

PERSONAL TRAINING AT THE JCC
Personal trainers can help anyone, regardless of physical condition or age. Do you want to bulk up? Simply add some definition? Or do you just want to get in shape? Are you recovering from an injury and need to exercise? Do you want to improve your athletic performance?

The JCC’s internationally certified personal trainer can help with all that and more. This person is a coach, role model, educator and cheerleader who will customize a program to fit your needs and schedule. Some people may want to use a trainer several times a week. Others may just want an occasional check-in with a trainer to get feedback. It’s all up to you! Call Bill Buzza for package prices at: 570-824-4646, ext. 232.

LEN BRADER* HEALTH CLUB 11:30 AM
Basketball Commissioner Health Club
The JCC offers modern, comfortable Health Club facilities for men and women. Membership in the Health Club includes: Steam room or Swedish sauna for members who really enjoy a good sweat, private lounge and facilities. The Health Club lounge includes cable television, telephone, individual lockers, dressing areas, and private showers exclusively for Health Club members. Health Club locker rental is $150 for the year, 25 lockers are available to rent. As a member of the JCC, you may join the Health Club for an additional $250.

MASSAGE THERAPY
Our professionally trained therapists are available on an on call basis. We offer the following massages:

- Sports rejuvenating massage: Performed with deeper pressure; includes range of motion assessment and stretching.
- Therapeutic: A firmer massage for clients with chronic or acute discomfort. Helps to relieve “knots”.
- Ultimate relaxer: This is a slow, gentle massage to relieve stress and tension. This light touch will relax your mind and body and promote circulation.
- Pre-natal: Done by a trained and certified Prenatal Massage therapist to alleviate muscular discomforts, sore feet, swollen ankles and tension. Abnormal pregnancies must consult a physician first.

All sessions are by appointment only. Please call Bill Buzza at 570-824-4646 for more information.

WISER AND WELL
This program is designed for those adults not participating in any sort of fitness program. Participants work with a fitness trainer on strength, balance, and endurance to achieve their goals. For more information, please call Debbie Grossman at 570-824-4646.

SPINNING
Spinning has many health benefits, including weight loss, cardiovascular, and muscle building. Many spinners agree that spinning is the best cardio workout you can do. During a 30 minute spin class you can burn 500 calories. In a short amount of time you can burn a lot of calories, thus affecting your health. Most other exercises would take at least double the time to burn so many calories. If you are looking to lose weight, there is no better option. It’s also no impact by nature so your feet and knees won’t hurt. This makes spinning a great workout for people of all ages, even older adults with joint problems. Spinning even helps increase lung capacity and cardiovascular health. Classes are being held Tuesday & Thursday, 6am @ the YMCA and on Sundays from 7a-8a @ The JCC. Please call Bill Buzza at 570-824-4646, ext. 232 for more info.

Linda Greenwald, Instructor

BEN AUGUST* MEMORIAL RUN/WALK
This race is held annually in the fall and sponsored by Sandy and Arnold* Rifkin, of Blessed Memory, in memory of Benjamin August*, Sandy’s father. Entry forms can always be found at NEPARunner.com, or on the JCC website at jewishwilkes-barre.org. Registrations can also be sent to JCC 60 South River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. For further information, contact Bill Buzza at 570-824-4646, ext. 232.

RIVER STREET RUN/WALK
Sponsored by Max Bartikowsky and Valley Cycles, this race is held annually in the spring. Entry forms can always be found at NEPARunner.com, or the JCC website at www.jewishwilkes-barre.org. Registration can also be sent to the JCC, 60 South River St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. For further information, contact Bill Buzza at 570-824-4646, ext. 232.

HEALTHY STEPS
This program is brought to you by The Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the JCC. This program helps seniors remain independent for as long as possible by strengthening and stretching all of the muscles of the body. A stronger body can help with balance and help to prevent falls. Falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospital stays for older adults in Pennsylvania. Completing this program’s training sessions reinforces your desire to stay active and healthy. Classes are held every Tuesday at 10:45 am and Friday from 11:00am -11:30am. The cost is free. For more information, please call Bill Buzza at 570-824-4646, ext. 232 or Barbara Sugarman at 570-824-4646, ext. 224.

NORTHAMPTON STREET BASKETBALL LEAGUE
The Northampton Street Basketball League is organized by the Wilkes-Barre JCC and YMCA fitness and recreation staffs. This league is for boys and girls ages 5 through 13 years. Practice sessions and Sunday games are held from November through March with a banquet held immediately after the championship game. The leagues are divided by age groups.

5 – 7 YEAR OLD CLINIC
This clinic is a setting for young boys and girls to receive instruction on basketball basics such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense. The clinic is run by both JCC and YMCA staff as well as volunteer players from Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes University. The children play on eight foot baskets and have fun while learning the skills needed to advance to the league. Every participant receives a t shirt.

From the Archives: 1953 Blueprint, JCC Gymnasium

* of blessed memory
8 - 10 Year Old
This division is played by boys and girls on eight foot baskets. There is no press defense or three point shots allowed. Because of the participants’ age at this level, the officiating is more lenient as players attempt to fine tune their skills in preparation for play at the next level. Moreover, the official often provides on the court instruction for players teaching them how to line up for foul shots properly and how to correctly move with the basketball in hand. There is also an emphasis on the “team” concepts. Coaches establish a positive rapport with their teams providing instruction at both games and practices. For many players, this is their first experience playing the game of basketball. Games are played at the JCC gymnasium on Sundays.

11 - 13 Year Old
Practices are held during the week and games are on Sundays at the JCC gymnasium. The games at this level are played on 10 foot baskets. Three point shots and press defense are limited to the end of each half. Like the 8-10 year olds, teamwork is promoted and enforced through close mentoring by the coaches and referees. Attendance for both practices and games is expected as players begin to rely on each other. This division is more competitive than the younger division. However, children are encouraged to play regardless of skill level.

THE JCC WINTER BASKETBALL CLASSIC
The first game will begin at 7:00 pm with the High School Varsity All Star game. The second game will start at 8:15 pm and will have the Senior Men’s League All Stars against the College All Star Team. The college teams are mostly made up of former JCC basketball players who developed their skills through the JCC system. The tournament is directed by Bruce Weinstock, JCC Basketball Chairman, and Bill Buzza, JCC Recreation Director. For more information, please call Bill Buzza at 570-824-4646.

JCC HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR 9TH - 12TH GRADERS & SENIOR MEN’S BASKETBALL LEAGUES
JCC High School League will be held Monday evenings at 6:15 pm at the JCC beginning in November. Cost $50.00 or $300.00/team.

JCC Senior Men’s League will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at the JCC also beginning in November. Cost $90. Bruce Weinstock is commissioner.

Please contact Bill Buzza, JCC Recreation Director for registration information at 570-824-4646.

YOGA
Yoga will teach correct breathing and correct posture, increase flexibility and build strength. Practicing yoga will enhance your awareness of the mind body connection and improve your overall health inside and out. Yoga will also help you adapt a more positive outlook and help you to center yourself. If you have any medical conditions, just check with your doctor. The class is being taught by Colleen Walsh, a certified yoga teacher who has been practicing for over 10 years. Classes are being held on Monday nights at 5:15 pm in the multipurpose room. Please bring your own mat.

11:30 Club (Formerly The 5:30 Club)
For the “young at heart” basketball players. This is a group of over 50 members who still like a good sweat a few times a week. Games are held at 11:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the JCC gymnasium. There is no fee to play. Commissioners are Max Baritkovsky and Eli Fleischer.

Monday-Thursday: 5:45am-7:00pm
Friday: 5:45am-4.00pm
Sunday: 7:00am-1:00pm

JCC YOUTH FITNESS
The JCC Youth Fit program’s mission is to get kids healthy and fit while still having fun. This program guides and motivates participants to be healthy and fit. Sessions will provide a proper and safe environment for youth to exercise and gain nutritional knowledge.

Youth Fit focuses on overall fitness, flexibility, strength, and nutrition. It is open to children ages eight through 14 years. Sessions will be held Monday through Thursday from 4pm until 5 pm in the JCC Youth Fitness room on the lower level. Prices are $7.50/session for a member and $10.00/session for a non-member. For more information please contact Bill Buzza, Recreation Director, or Chris Corbett, instructor at 570-824-4646.

WATER AEROBICS
Toning, stretching and aerobic exercise all done to music. This is an invigorating water workout. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:15 am-11 am. Classes are ongoing. Instructor: Lolly Merits

THE RICK EVANS SWIM SCHOOL AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Program is directed by Rick Evans, Director of Camp, Development & Community Outreach

1. Introduction to the Aquatic Environment (Tadpole)
One parent/caregiver with one child. This program encourages acquiring water skills through instruction for the youngest swimmers. An interactive session for babies through toddlers allowing them to participate in the pool together with a parent/caregiver. The goal is to develop each child’s cognitive and physical skills in the water. Class goals include teaching the parent how to help the child achieve comfort in, around and under the water. This program builds a foundation for a safe, happy young swimmer.

Sessions are one hour with 30 minutes of instruction; the balance of the time is devoted to reinforcement by the parent and child to the acquired skills in the aquatic environment.

2. Toddler Improving Skills (Starfish)
One parent/caregiver with one child. This program is designed for toddlers that are not quite ready to leave the security of being one to one with an adult in the water. Nervous or fearful students have their fears conquered allowing for submerging their head to instill comfort and confidence. Coaxing students to submersions, back floats, independent kicking and breath control. The student is encouraged with the use of drills, songs and props.

Sessions are one hour with 30 minutes of instruction and the balance of the time used for guided parental and student reinforcement.

Cost: Members: $20.00 per session
Non-Members: $27.50 per session

Enjoy learning with safety in our warm pool. All instructors will have experience working with children and appropriate water safety skills.

Please note: Lessons for all ages can be arranged by contacting Rick Evans at 570-824-4646 or 570-947-6766.
CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the Jewish Community Center provide a thoughtful and meaningful way to remember friends, loved ones and special occasions. A special message without mention of contribution amount is sent to the person or family in whose memory or honor the gift is made.

Contributions can be made in memory of or in honor of a loved one to the JCC General Fund or any fund of your choosing, in any amount. Minimum Donation: $5.00. You can also make contributions online at jewishwilkes-barre.org. Minimum for online contributions is $20.00. (Various donations can be made at one time). A list of all funds is listed on our website. Contact the Center for information on funds that you might be interested in supporting.

RIFFKIN RESOURCE CENTER
Book donations are accepted by the Riffkin Resource Center of the JCC. A book can be donated in memory of or in honor of a loved one. A new book will be purchased for the library, and a book plate will be placed inside describing the donation. The cost for donating a book is $36.00. An entire shelf of books can be purchased for $1,000.

ENDOWMENTS
Endowments are available in all of our programs. Help our JCC by remembering or honoring a loved one.

SPONSORSHIPS
Sponsorships are available in our sports & camp programs. Call 570-824-4646 for information.

THE TREE OF LIFE
The Tree of Life Sculpture in our lobby was created by the renowned artist Sanford Werfel at the studio of Warner Lane Inc., in New Brunswick, NJ. The branches of the tree form the Hebrew words “Etz Chaim”. The stones at the base of the tree are symbolic of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The golden leaves and stones may be inscribed to commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, graduations; or to honor parents, family or friends; or to memorialize departed loved ones.

Cost: Stones $1,200; Leaves $125.

JCC HOLIDAY HOUSE CAMP WALKWAY
The JCC Camp Committee is offering members the chance to purchase engraved commemorative pavers. The pavers are installed at the entrance to the dining hall at the JCC.

The pavers can be purchased to recognize any past or present camper, counselor, family members, friend or special occasion. Two sizes are available, 4” X 8” for $50.00 and 8” X 8” for $100.00, inscribed with the message of your choice. All proceeds will benefit the JCC Day Camp. Don’t miss this opportunity to take your place in history and be a lasting part of the JCC Camp for decades to come. Contact Denise at the JCC at 570-824-4646 if you are interested in purchasing a paver. All proceeds from the Walkway will benefit the JCC Day Camp.

INDIVIDUAL FUNDS:
Membership Endowment Fund-Perpetuity Members: This fund consists principally of membership in perpetuity. The income from this fund is used to pay the donors’ membership dues and is recognized as support and revenue in the unrestricted fund.

WILLIAM & ETHEL WINKLER FAMILY FUND: This fund was established with the stipulation that the principal is to be increased by at least the current inflation rate determined on an annual basis. Excess earnings are to be used to assist in funding Center educational and cultural activities.

1984 ENDOWMENT FUND: Earnings are used to support operating costs of the Center.

RABBI ABRAHAM BARRAS FUND: Earnings are used to enable selected high school students to participate in an educational experience in Israel.

BRADER ENDOWMENT FUND: Earnings are used to support operating costs of the Center.

THE HOWARD LIDZ & CAROL SCHNEIDER LIDZ ENDOWMENT FUND: Earnings are used to enable selected high school students to participate in an educational experience in Israel.

NAMED FUNDS
TREE OF LIFE FUND: Contributions to and any earnings of this fund are to be used for Board of Directors’ approved repairs or equipment and leasehold improvement additions.

MORRIS & KITTY NELSON FUND: Earnings are to be used to fund an award to be presented annually to a high school student who is a member of the Center and has demonstrated leadership skills and community relations abilities.

ISAAC WERNER FUND: Earnings are to be used to fund Center camp fees for financially disadvantaged children.

Jewish Community Center Planned Gifts
Legacies & Endowments

We usually think of legacies as transfers of money or property in a person’s will. Our Jewish Community Center Endowments are becoming a living legacy to help provide needed resources both now and in the future. Donors to the Jewish Community Center are contributing to its strength in several ways. Many have established individual or family funds, to which they periodically add funds. Many others are making provisions in their wills to create new funds or add to existing funds. Some are helping to build the JCC by both making current gifts and planning for future gifts. To those who have created funds and are adding to them, the members of the board of the JCC are extremely grateful. To those who have planned for future gifts or bequests, our gratitude and that of our successors will be shared by a strengthened JCC in our community. What all of us are building is a living legacy.

HENRY & SYLVIA GREENWALD ENDOWMENT FUND: Earnings are used to bring prominent speakers to address the Jewish & general community.

ROSENBERG ENDOWMENT: A community endowment. This gift was given to the community to support youth programs and projects through agencies including the JCC, and Temple Israel & Temple B’nai B’rith Religious Schools. Established by Samuel L. & Claire Rosenberg.

From the Archives: Junior Senate advertisement, 1944

HOLIDAY HOUSE
Opening Date To Be Announced
Pool Hours: Sundays 12:00-4:00 pm.
Summer Memberships Available: $300 for the entire summer or per day guest fee of $5.00.

"From the Archives: Junior Senate advertisement, 1944"
Jewish Community Center Planned Gifts
Legacies & Endowments

MILTON FRANK* BASKETBALL FUND: Earnings are used for awards showing various degrees of improvement in each child’s basketball league.

JUSTIN LIVA* MEMORIAL FUND: Earnings are to be used to provide a cultural concert at the JCC each year.

RIFKIN RESOURCE CENTER FUND: Contributions to and earnings of this fund are to be used to acquire literature, films and other items pertaining to Jewish history and to fund any construction and repairs.

REVA ZAREMBO* MEMORIAL FUND: Earnings are used to build, update and make repairs to the Women’s Health Club.

ISADOR CIMMET* MEMORIAL FUND: Earnings are used for Senior Adult New Year’s Party.

SIDNEY & HELEN LEBOWITZ MEMORIAL BASKETBALL FUND: Earnings are used to fund the JCC Basketball Program.

FIERVERKER* FUND: Earnings are used for Senior Adult and Bridge Programs at the JCC.

BENJAMIN AUGUST* MEMORIAL FUND: Earnings are used to support the costs of the annual Benjamin August Memorial Event.

JOSEPH KORNBLATT* MEMORIAL CHILDREN’S BOOK FUND: Earnings are used to fund the purchase of periodicals and books of Jewish content which are suitable for young people.

ALAN ROSENBERG* MEMORIAL FUND: Earnings are used to support the T-ball & softball programs.

COBURN* FUND: Earnings are used to fund Center camp fees for financially disadvantaged children.

B’NAI B’RITH FUND: Earnings are used to support the Center’s camp.

SCHWAGER* MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND: Earnings are used to bring cultural productions to the Jewish & general community.

MAX* & TULLEI ROSEN FUND: Earnings are used to support the Max & Tullie Rosen Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies.

LARRY ROTH* MEMORIAL SHOFAR BLOWING FOR SHUT-INS: Earnings are used for Shofar blowing classes, obtaining lists of JCC senior groups who are unable to visit their synagogues for the holiday, and ensuring visits on Rosh Hashanah for outing areas.

HARVEY MILLER* MEMORIAL BASKETBALL FUND: Earnings are used to fund scholarships for JCC Members participating in basketball programs.

CAMP ENDOWMENTS: Earnings are used to fund Center camp fees for financially disadvantaged children.

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The JCC Day Camp is a place for children to discover new interests, develop artistic and athletic talents and build skills that will last a lifetime. It is a place for campers to make new friendships and deepen old ones. The camp is located on a 40 acre site located near Harvey’s Lake.

The greatest gift parents can give their children is the gift of roots of tradition and wings of creativity. Such is the summer experience at the JCC Day Camp. Founded in 1931, our traditions have enabled campers to develop deep roots enhancing growth, self-expression and confidence.

Camp offers a nurturing supportive environment. Jewish cultural offerings, an outstanding staff and a combination of urban excursions and traditional camp activities.

CAMP TO THE CHILD
To the child, camp is many things. It is an exciting time when the sun shines and one can be outside simply being a kid and having fun, wearing light clothing, going swimming, hiking, sitting around and dreaming, running, yelling, jumping and being with others. Watch for more information on our website at jccdaycamp.com, or jewiswhikes-barre.org, and your 2016 camp application in the mail.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY SENDING A CHILD TO CAMP!!!
Many children in the Wilkes-Barre community cannot afford to go to camp. With summer 2016 almost upon us and camp registration beginning in the spring, families in our area need your help. Make a difference in the life of a child with a donation in support of the 2016 camperships. This camp scholarship fund provides financial assistance for children to attend the JCC Day Camp. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, our children can now experience the magic of summer camp. To learn more about supporting the JCC Day Camp Scholarship Fund, call Rick Evans, JCC Camp Director at 570-824-4646.

The staff of the JCC has created a donation card designed especially for those wishing to donate money towards our camp scholarship fund. Call the JCC front desk at 570-824-4646 and, with a minimum of $5.00, we will send a beautiful card with a picture of our day camp in memory of, or in honor of your loved ones.

HELP MAKE CAMP A REALITY FOR ALL CHILDREN!!!!

2016 CAMP DATES
10 weeks
Tuesday June 14 - Friday August 19, 2016

OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, June 9, 6-7:00 pm at the campsite

STAFF ORIENTATION
June 6, 7 & 8 at the Campsite

K’TON TON
Open to: 2-6 year olds
5 days a week
Lunch, snacks & transportation provided
9:30 am-3:30 pm

NAGILA
Open to: 2nd, 3rd & 4th graders
Lunch, snacks & transportation provided
9:30 am-3:30 pm

MITZVAH
Open to 5th-7th graders
Travel, cook-outs, softball, overnighters, day trips, community service programs.
Lunch, snacks & transportation provided
9:30 am-3:30 pm

THE CAMPERs
Artistic and Special needs Camper Program at the campsite.
Transportation to and from the JCC.
Parents drop child off at JCC at 11:30 am and pick up at 4:45 pm.
Lunch, snacks and transportation included.
Dates: July 11-August 5, 2016

BEFORE & AFTER CARE:
Available at both the campsite and the JCC for an additional fee.
8:00 am-9:30 am & 3:30-6:00 pm

Jewish Community Center Day Camp Program

Rick Evans, Camp Director Ext. 234
Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley Membership Application 2016

Name: ____________________________ DOB ____________________________

Check One: Male Female

Home Address: ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________

Home Phone: (_____) _______ - _______ Cell Phone: (_____) _______ - _______

Emergency Contact First and Last Name: ____________________________ ____________________________

Relation ______ Spouse - ______ Son - ______ Daughter - ______ Parent - ______ Other: ____________________________

If you are purchasing a membership for more than one person, please include the following information:

Spouse: ____________________________ D. O. B.: ____________________________

Son/Daughter: ____________________________ D. O. B.: ____________________________

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Membership Rates/Types

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The health club is open to general members. A locker rental allows you to leave items in the locker between your visits.

Payment Terms: Payment is due in full by May 31. You may deduct 5% from the rates above if the full amount is received by the JCC prior to January 31. All automated payments may be calculated by dividing the full membership rate by 12 and are due on the 1st of the month. If the terms of the signed agreement are met, no further notice will be given.

I would like to pay by: __ check __ credit card __ monthly installments (signed form must be attached)

If you cannot pay the above amount(s), scholarships may be available. Call the Center at 570.824.4546 for more details on scholarships.

(Rev. 03/18/2015) The JCC cannot accept your application without the signed Release of Liability on the back of this sheet.

Now 10 weeks! June 14-August 19, 2016

2016 JCC CAMPS:

Little Menschen
2 - 3 year olds, 5 days a week. 9:30am - 3:30pm
K’Ton Ton
4 - 6 year olds, 5 days a week. 9:30am - 3:30pm
Nagila
2nd - 4th graders. 9:30am - 3:30pm
Mitzvah
5th - 7th grades. 9:30am-3:30pm
CIT
8th & 9th grades. 6 week program. Campers will train to become members of the JCC staff. June 27 - August 5 (includes day trips and overnights at campsites)
The Campers
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