

Top Area High School Scholar/Athletes Honored by Vineland Jewish War Veterans



(L-R): Andrew Scoma (Sacred Heart High School), Britney Kott (Millville High School), Jewish War Veterans Memorial Post No. 601 Awards Chairman Sigmond Ronis, Joshua Piccioni (Cumberland Regional High School), and Salan Marie Chapman (Bridgeton High School).

Dana Parks (Vineland High School)

Five top scholar/athletes from Cumberland County high schools were honored by the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Post No. 601, on Sunday, June 7, at the 36th Annual Olympiad Awards Breakfast, at Beth Israel Congregation, in Vineland, NJ. The ceremony, held each year to memorialize the nine Israeli athletes who were brutally murdered by Arab terrorists at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, publicly recognizes and honors the top scholar/athlete seniors from the five county high schools. This year's winners were Salan Marie Chapman, Bridgeton High School; Joshua Piccioni, Cumberland Regional High School; Britney Kott, Millville High School; Andrew Scoma, Sacred Heart High School; and Dana Parks, Vineland High School. Each received commendations and proclamations at the ceremony from national,

state, county, and local officials. The winners, according to Post Commander Howard Hoffman, are selected by their respective schools, based on both scholastic and athletic achievements, as well as leadership, cooperation, civic contributions, and all-around good citizenship. The schools rely on input from guidance counselors, teachers, athletic directors, coaches, and principals. The winning students must be seniors, must have lettered in two or more varsity sports, and must be considered prime examples of good citizenship and leadership. The students are all near or at the top of their classes. A number of past winners have been valedictorians and several have won appointments to various United States military academies.

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Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attended the 2008 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Glassboro, NJ, Phoenix, Arizona, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Ithaca, NY, Marietta, OH, Lebanon, TN, Commerce, TX, and Blacksburg, VA. There is also a summer camp available for boys and girls ages 9 – 18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these summer camps, please call 704-373-0873 anytime. www.tenstar camp.com.

Oneg Shemesh

On Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. Oneg Shemesh will appear at the JCC as part of the Second Annual Festival of the Arts. Shemesh is an original member of the popular Israeli Moshav Band. He performs Jewish music with an edge. He combines contemporary hip family friendly tunes with classic Jewish midrashic,

kabbalistic and scriptural sensibility. Tickets are \$12 for patrons (rows B-E), \$10 for donors (rows F-J) and \$8 for house seating (rows K-O).

Wellness Fair and Blood Drive

Seashore Gardens Living Center Wellness Fair and Blood Drive will be on July 17th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please stop by the Living Center for free health screenings including blood pressure, glucose and Wii Fit Assessments and more. There will also be information provided by other local health care providers. While you are there, please consider donating a pint of blood for the American Red Cross. For more information or to schedule a time to donate blood, please call 609-748-4615.

Rodef Sholem Sisterhood Luncheon

The Rodef Sholem Sisterhood paid-up membership luncheon will be held at the synagogue on July 20, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Phyllis Nissel. For information, please call 345-4580.

Tzofim Israeli Friendship Caravan Show

On Friday, July 31, at 7:00 p.m. the Friendship Caravan will appear at the JCC as part of the Second Annual Festival of the Arts. This is a traveling group of ten Tzofim (Israel Scouts) who crisscross North America each summer as emissaries, sharing their lives in Israel through song, dance and story. Their show from Israel, "The Friendship Caravan," is a mix of Israeli song, dance, stories and images designed to bring Israeli culture to American audiences.

Performing in Hebrew, English and Yiddish, their performance is full of great energy and will be sure to have families dancing in the aisles! This event is free.

Israeli Artists at the JCC

The art of three Israeli artists will be on display in The Staller Gallery at the JCC August 1 through August 31.

The artists featured will be Gideon Spiegel (Photography & Paintings), Shifra Levyathan

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