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BJE Offers Interesting Selection of Topics for ODYSSEY 2009

The Board of Jewish Education will offer ODYSSEY 2009, which this year will feature an interesting selection of courses from learning about Sholom Aleichem with Dr. Leo Lieberman to a very timely discussion on "Health Care for Whom and For How Much?," led by well respected local physician, Dr. Leonard Galler and Mr. Al Gutierrez, the President and CEO of Shore Memorial Hospitals, at the Katz JCC in Margate, on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Also being offered this year will be classes with Rabbis Gordon Geller, Aaron Krauss, Avrohom Rapoport and David Weis along with Father Paul Wise, Rev. David McGettigan and Kaleem Shabazz, as well as hearing from William R. Southrey, the President and CEO of Atlantic City Rescue Mission, all speaking on a variety of timely topics. Bob Seltzer, the Executive VP of the Jewish Federation will discuss some of the political challenges now facing Israel when he is joined by Rabbi Weis.

Leo Schoffer, along with Gail Rosenthal and Marjorie Berk, will lead a discussion about the history of the Jews of South Jersey.

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Jewish Archives Joins Temple U. Libraries

By Bonnie Squires
Special to the Jewish Times

When Audrey Merves, of Ventnor, sets a task for herself, she is relentless. And usually successful. Mrs. Merves, long-time president of the board of the Philadelphia Jewish Archives, wanted to guarantee the future of the collection, so 18 months ago, she approached Temple University President Ann Weaver Hart and made her suggestion:



Audrey Merves

That the Jewish Archives merge with Temple University Libraries Urban Archives.

It did not take long for Dr. Hart to see the wisdom of Mrs. Merves' proposal, and a ceremony at Sullivan Hall recently marked the merger of the two priceless archives.

Created in 1972 by the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Agencies and American Jewish Committee, with only a few boxes of minutes from Federation board meetings, the Jewish Archives had grown to a collection of 5 million items.

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RAISING THE ROOF. Students at the Abram and Rose Weiss Beth El Synagogue Hebrew School gather sukkah decorations that lend a fall atmosphere to the synagogue's Sukkot booth. (Photo by Joyce Bank) More photos on Page 9.

Preparations Completed for Oct. 18 'Conversation'

Every member of the community who is concerned about the future of American Jewry, its priorities and its organizational structure, should plan to attend a unique town meeting at the Katz JCC in Margate on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m.

The goal of this "Community Conversation" is to find innovative strategies for such challenging and important issues as developing future leadership, executing successful fundraising, managing community relations, connecting with Israel and worldwide Jewry and organizing Federation to lead more effectively.

A volunteer, grassroots committee, with the support of Federation, has planned this event. There are many compelling reasons to participate: First and foremost is the opportunity to voice your opinion. The

gathering is designed to give everyone the chance to express ideas and concerns.

In addition, the interesting – and surprising – results of a survey gathered during the past two months will be revealed. Finally, to ensure that the event is well-organized and constructive, a professional facilitator from the Washington D.C. area has been engaged, at no cost to our community. His experience in working with private corporations, nonprofits and governments will serve us well.

Planners for the Community Conversation said they wanted to remind the entire community that it is invited and encouraged to attend our community's – your community's – Conversation on Sunday, October 18, at 11 a.m. at the JCC.

Please confirm your attendance by calling Michele at the Federation office: 822-4404.

In Paris

Jews and Muslims live as they did in North Africa — Together.



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Netanyahu: Clear and precise.

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Jimmy Carter

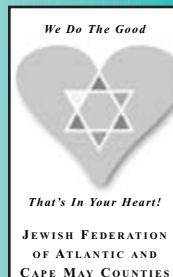
He keeps coming back.

By Rabbi Shmuley Boteach

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Federation supports Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure Jewish groups have resources on pandemic preparedness, particularly heading into the flu season.



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