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on hearing loss and advances in hearing technology in Egg Harbor Township. The seminar will be held on Thursday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, 6821 Black Horse Pike. Call for reservations 609-645-3055. Seminar guest speaker will be Michael Dougherty, Au.D., Audiologist. A delicious lunch will be served. Seating is limited. Sponsored by Better Hearing, Inc.

FELS of Stockton Study Groups and Luncheon

The Friends of Encore Learning of Stockton (FELS) is offering two interesting events. The first is a selection of study groups for members. Each meets monthly for six sessions beginning in October.

The groups are varied and include Art Appreciation, American Short Stories, Documentary Films, Opera, A Day With Flowers, Plays From the Contemporary American Theater, and Creative Writing. There are 13 selections in all.

Please call Sylvia Gabrielli for more details, including specific dates and fees, at 822-9595 or e-mail bevrubin@comcast.net.

The second offering is the FELS Fall Luncheon being held at The Crab Trap in Somers Point Friday, Oct. 16, at 11:30 a.m.. The speaker is Stockton Associate Professor of Public Health Dr. Ronald Caplan. His topic will be "Healthcare Reform: Don't Believe Everything You Hear or Think." The cost is \$30 and includes a full luncheon with several choices of entree. Please call Esther Steele at 348-8722 or e-mail bevrubin@comcast.net.

Beth El Sisterhood Membership Dinner

Beth El Sisterhood Paid Up membership dinner will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Dinner will be provided by an excellent caterer in the area. There will be entertainment and door prizes. Reservations must be made in advance. Call the Beth El office at 823-2725.

Beth Judah Yard Sale

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Wildwood is having a yard sale on Oct. 16 and Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

MAPS Foundation Broadway Costume Sale

Hundreds of Maps Foundation of South Jersey costumes are coming out of the closet just in time for Halloween trick and treating. The MAPS first public sale in six years will be held October 17, 11-5 p.m. at Dance Forum South Studio, 140B South New York Road, (Rt. 9) in Smithville. Phone number is 652-0631.

The costumes are for women and men, and anyone in between, from the roaring 20's to "CATS" to Disney. Many of the costumes are hand made by professional costume designers from the Richard Stockton College of NJ and a New York costume company.

MAPS is selling out their inventory of costumes and accessories used in fundraising shows, highlighting classic "Broadway" music. All proceeds from the sale will be used to serve the organization's client base of those afflicted with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis.

The inventory includes adult gowns, hats, jewelry and modern jackets, glittery vests, trousers and children's dress apparel. Holiday gift wrap supplies are also being sold.

"We are expecting everyone from moms and kids to theater designers to fashionistas to raid our closets," commented MAPS founder, Rose Silverman. "The Costume Sales is a unique opportunity for the public to peak behind our closet doors and access professionally crafted costuming at deep discounts."

MAPS volunteers will be on hand to serve as "personal shoppers" and stylists, and to provide background information regarding the costumes. Dressing areas will be available. For more information regarding costume details contact Rose Silverman 822-9093.

Beth El Holiday Bazaar

Beth El's holiday bazaar will take place on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is room for a few more vendors. Please contact 823-2725 as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Six-foot tables are available for \$50 per table. Discount for more than one table.

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Shy Kramer, Publisher

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Students work on Beth El Sukkah



Matthew Green displays a small, ornamental pumpkin that would become part of the sukkah arrangement.



Jacob Kavky with some of the fall sukkah decorations.



STUDENTS AT THE ABRAM AND ROSE WEISS BETH EL SYNAGOGUE HEBREW SCHOOL GET THE DECORATIONS READY TO COMPLETE THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE SYNAGOGUE'S SUKKAH.

Matthew Apt organizes the mums.
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