Happenings around Town

This Weekend – July 25-27

- This Shabbat, July 26, Joseph Levy, an authority on the Jewish communities in Arab countries, including Egypt, will speak at Cong. Beth Aaron. He will give two lectures; the first, at 6:45 p.m., will provide an overview of Jewish history in the Arab countries, followed by a specific look at Jewish life in Egypt from the late 19th century to the present. During the Seudah Shlishit between Mincha and Maariv, he will discuss how Nazism was not confined to Europe and will focus on the Farhud, a violent Nazi-inspired pogrom that took place in Iraq in 1941.

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- LAMDEINU: A New Center for Jewish Learning in Teaneck. Join us this summer for a unique learning experience at Cong. Beth Aaron through July 31 featuring Rabbi David Nachbar, Rachel Friedman and Rabbi Hayyim Angel. Please visit www.lamdeinu.org or email info@lamdeinu.org for more information.

- Tomchei Shabbos, located at 13 Foster St., Bergenfield is packing during the summer on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, and needs weekly volunteers to help pack and dismantle boxes. For more info contact Karen Wagner at 201-314-1854 or Shoshana Halpert as at 201-417-0519.

- There will be a blood drive at Keter Torah this Sunday, July 27, from 9:00am-2:00pm. Must weigh 120 lbs. or more to donate. Must know social security number & have photo or signed ID. Must eat a meal one hour prior to donation. Must drink plenty of water prior to donation. For information, e-mail the Blood Center of New Jersey at bschindo@bloodnj.org.

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- CONCERNED ABOUT LOVED ONES IN ISRAEL? Many people with loved ones in Israel are feeling heightened levels of anxiety. JFSNJ is offering a free support group where you can share your feelings with others who are experiencing similar worries, and learn ways to manage your anxiety. FREE SUPPORT GROUP FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH LOVED ONES IN ISRAEL: Monday, July 28, Monday, August 4, Monday, August 11, Monday, August 18. We will be holding four sessions on consecutive Mondays from 7-8pm. The group will be held at: Jewish Family Service of North Jersey, 17-10 River Road, Fair Lawn NJ. Please call Melanie Lester, LSW at 973-595-0111. Jewish Family Service of North Jersey is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey.

- July 26 – August 1

- YU summer learning program in Bergen County, open to both men and women. Final class: Monday, July 28 at Cong. RinaT Yisrael. The first course is taught by Rabbi Jeremy Wieder, Rosh Yeshiva, Gwendolyn and Joseph Straus Chair in Talmud at RIETS, on the topic of The Ten Martyrs in Liturgy. The second course, Heroes and Villains in Tanach is taught by Mrs. Nechama Price, Judaic Studies Faculty at Stern College for Women.
New York Stands With Israel Community-Wide Rally Monday, July 28 at 12:30pm - Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (enter 2nd Ave & 47th St) Sponsors include UIA, JCRC, Conference of Presidents, OU, NCYI, etc. For more info see https://www.facebook.com/events/1444696342461954/

AN INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT OF LEARNING WITH RABBI CHAIM HAGLER: The Yeshivat Noam Parent Education Committee is pleased to present: "Shabbos Is Coming...We're So HAPPY!" Making Shabbat More Meaningful for Your Children: At the Table, In Shul, and in the Afternoon: Wednesday, July 30 at 8:30 pm, at the home of Dr. Judy and Binyamin Schmutter, 911 Phelps Road, Teaneck. Discussion will be followed by a question-and-answer session. This event is open to the community, so bring your friends! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lena Goffstein or Talia Marmon.

World War One was so destructive and traumatic that the world still feels its impact. The Jewish people were in caught the middle of the conflagration and was devastated. Jews faced massive casualties, dire poverty, anti-Semitism, persecution, and mass expulsions. The war also caused a surge of Jewish nationalism. As the centennial of WWI approaches, Professor Larry Domnitch will deliver a lecture on: World War One and the Jews, discussing the effects of the war upon the Jewish people, on Wednesday July 30th at 8:30 PM at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, 389 West Englewood Avenue.

Summer Girls Learning Initiative: 7:15pm on Thursday nights at Lazy Bean. SGLI is an opportunity for high school girls who are home for the summer to spend time with other girls their age and have some exciting Torah learning experiences. Classes will be offered by dynamic rabbeim and Morot from our local Yeshivot. The shiur on July 31 will feature Ms. Elena Flamenhaft. SGLI is sponsored by NCSY and supported by Bruriah, Maayanot, and Frisch. For more information please contact Dr. Aliza Frohlich at afrohlich613@gmail.com

August 3 and beyond

Bnai Yeshurun Annual Shmiras Halashon Lecture on Sunday evening August 3: The Bnai Yeshurun Chessed Committee, in conjunction with Adult Education invite the entire community to hear Rabbi Paysach Krohn at the annual lecture of the Shmiras Halashon project. This year’s lecture, titled “Words Build Worlds”, will be dedicated in memory of Esther Manischewitz by Steve and Ofra Parmett. Mincha is at 7:50 PM, followed by the lecture, followed by Ma’ariv.

ZOA-NJ parlor meeting on Wednesday, August 6 at 7:30pm at the home of Melissa and Lazer Borgen in Teaneck. Featured speaker: Josh London, MA, ZOA Co-Director of Government Relations will speak on “Promising Israel’s Interests: A Beltway Insider’s Perspective”. For more information, email Laura Fein, Executive Director, ZOA-NJ at lfein@zoa.org or call 201-424-1825.

Shuli Taubes will conduct her annual Women’s Summer Study Group on Wednesdays, August 6, 14 & 20, at 8 PM at Congregation Zichron Mordechai, 268 West Englewood Avenue. Topic: Of Prophets and Prayers: The Haftarat of the Days of Awe. Class includes chevrutah study and group discussion. For all levels; bring a Tanakh to class. $75 tuition. Info / RSVP: staubes@gmail.com or call 201-787-1812.

For the past seven years, Camp Shutaf in Jerusalem has been providing summer camp, holiday camp, and after-school programming for children with disabilities. Shutaf is inclusive, welcoming all children regardless of educational, religious, or socioeconomic differences. Founded by two American-born mothers, each with a child with special needs, Shutaf is a fully inclusive program that includes children with disabilities as well as neurotypical children in an exceptional array of programs. Requests for placement in Camp Shutaf in August have greatly increased over the last several weeks, including from families from the south of Israel. In the meantime, the camp had to scramble to find a safe facility with secure rooms for the campers, adding a significant expense to the summer budget. The camp is also in great need of funds necessary to hire more staff, provide more scholarship support, and make three magic weeks of camp in Jerusalem accessible to over 120 children. If you would like to help Camp Shutaf meet its urgent financial needs under these pressing circumstances, please go to www.campshutaf.org. Also, see in this week’s online NY Jewish Week the blogs by Shutaf co-founders Miriam Avraham, miriam@campshutaf.org and Beth Steinberg, beth@campshutaf.org (in “The New Normal” blog series).

Ongoing/Miscellaneous

Tomchei Shabbos of Bergen County is excited to announce a new program for Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls! For information on how to commemorate your Simcha with a chesed project thru partnering with Tomchei Shabbos, contact Andrea Fields at 973-371-1771x411 or AJBier@aol.com

Chatan and Kallah Gemach - donate new, unopened gifts to needy couples. We will accept (in original box) household, Judaica, engagement or wedding gifts that perhaps are not your taste but others can use. Drop off at Carrie Cooper, 1060 Windsor Road. Carrie can be reached at 201-801-9028 or email her at candcoop@gmail.com.

Hosting a Simcha in your home? The Teaneck Simcha Gemach has folding tables, cocktail tables, chairs and coat racks (w/ hangers) available for loan. Contact Teanecksimcha@yahoo.com