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FRIDAY, June 19

Hirschhorn speaker Mark Levy presents **Jewish Folk Songs in Yiddish, Hebrew, and Ladino** at a dinner of the Renaissance group of Bnai Keshet, Montclair, at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$12. RSVP to 973-746-4889.

Congregation Beth Hatikvah, Summit, holds a **potluck dinner** at 6:30 p.m., followed by services and a screening of *Black List, Vol. 2*. Contact 908-277-0200 or office@bethhatikvah.org.

MONDAY, June 22

Lubavitch Center of Essex County, West Orange, holds **Farbrengen Live with Rabbi Y.Y. Jacobson: Story and Soul of Our People** at the Crystal Plaza, Livingston, beginning with a buffet at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$180 with dinner, \$36 for the program only. Call 973-731-0770 or visit www.farbrengelive.com.

Slucker NCJW Center for Women begins a free **Peer Support Group for Caregivers** open to the community, 7-8:30 p.m., and continuing for five consecutive Mondays at Daughter of Israel, West Orange. RSVP to 973-994-4994.

TUESDAY, June 23

Hirschhorn entertainer Mark Levy presents **Klezmer 101** following a noon lunch at an Adult Forum meeting of Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn. The program costs \$9, \$7 for members. RSVP to 973-533-1809.

WEDNESDAY, June 24

NJ State of Israel Bonds Health Professionals Division honors Drs. Elliot Rosenstein, Lois Shulman, and Larry Weinstein at its annual **tribute dinner** at 6 p.m. at the Crystal Plaza in Livingston. Guest speaker is Malcolm Hoenlein of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Call 973-994-0516.

THURSDAY, June 25

The Stirling Duo presents **Famous Violinists and Their Music** at a noon lunch of Simcha Seniors of Oheb Shalom Congregation, South Orange. The cost is \$8, \$4 for members; \$5 for the concert alone. RSVP by June 21 to 973-740-9891.

FRIDAY, June 26

Congregation Beth Hatikvah, Summit, holds **Beat of Shabbat**, services with a drumming circle, at 6:45 p.m. Contact 908-277-0200 or office@bethhatikvah.org.

Summit Jewish Community Center holds **Shabbat Under the Stars** featuring a pre-Shabbat barbecue and performance by Cantor Janet Krupnick. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 children, with a \$30 maximum per family. RSVP to 908-273-8130 or betty@langsam.org.

SUNDAY, June 28

Lester Senior Housing, Whippany, hosts a community **Western Day**, 1-4 p.m., featuring a barbecue, pony rides, and a petting zoo. Call 973-929-2725.

SUNDAY, June 28

Temple Beth El, South Orange, holds a **bar-gain barn**, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Contact 973-325-3342 or dgcjroth@aol.com. Call 973-763-0111.

ONGOING

JCC MetroWest presents **sculptor Monica Litvany's solo exhibition** "Mother" through July 31 in the Gaelen Gallery East at the Leon & Toby Cooperman JCC, West Orange. The exhibition can be previewed at www.monicalitvany.com/prview/index.html. Contact 973-530-3413 or lsuss@jccmetrowest.org.

Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex, Caldwell, holds **Israeli Dancing** Mondays at 8 p.m. The cost is \$5; call 973-226-3600.

The Sachs, Maitlin offices in West Orange hosts **Tuesday Talmud**, 12:30-2 p.m. Call 973-325-2411.

Hebrew Reading Crash Course at the West Orange JCC on Sundays, 5-6:30 p.m.; six-week course; free; RSVP to 973-530-3519.

Congregation Beth Ahm, Verona, holds the following ongoing groups: **Parkinson's Exercise Group** (Mondays, 10:30 a.m.), COSAC support group for **parents of autistic children**, (first Monday of the month, 7-9 p.m.), **Alcoholics Anonymous** holds Discussion and Step meetings (Sundays, 11 a.m.-

noon), **Overeaters Anonymous** (Thursdays). Call 973-239-0754.

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest offers a biweekly social skills group for adults ages 18-35 with **Asperger syndrome** and a companion parent support group at its Livingston office. Call 973-765-9050, ext. 242.

JCC MetroWest's Club JCC holds **Teen Cre-**

ative Dramatics on Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m., for teens and young adults with Asperger Syndrome and ADD/ADHD. Contact 973-530-3478 or asigona@jccmetrowest.org.

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, Florham Park, offers a **Parent Advocacy Support Group** for parents of children with special needs on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:30-9 p.m. Call 973-765-9050, ext. 262.

The Agenda

Japanese drumming at Beth Ahm

Congregation Beth Ahm of West Essex, Verona, will host the music group Soh Daiko in a program of Taiko drumming on Sunday, June 28, at 7 p.m.

The art form developed in Japan is believed to date back to ancient times, when a village determined its borders by the furthest point from which villagers could hear the sound of the Taiko, the big drum.

Taiko drumming was introduced to the United States in the 1960s. Since then, an American version has developed which fuses Japanese tradition with American techniques and styles. Soh Daiko is one of the best known Taiko groups on the East Coast, integrating drums with bamboo flutes, brass bells, conch shells, and gongs.

The show is the first in a two-part Global Beat series hosted by Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled WAE (Wellness, Arts and Enrichment) Center. Admission is

free. Doors will open at 6 for an exhibit and sale of original artwork and crafts made by the center's members.

For further information, call Elaine Schenkel or Marilyn Schneider at 973-325-1494.

Schechter arts program

Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union, West Orange, will present Arts in Action Night, a celebration of students' artistic accomplishments for the current school year, on Monday, June 22, at 7 p.m. The program will include songs from the school's choirs, scenes from *Grease* and *Bye Bye Birdie*, original student films, and clips from SchechterVision.

Admission is \$5 and includes five raffle tickets. All proceeds will go directly to the SSD-SEU arts department.

For information, contact Jamie Mittleman at jmittleman@ssdseu.org.



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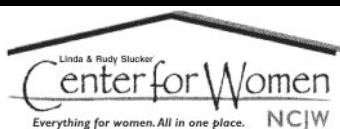
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