

## JEWISH LIFE

# Lecture on 'What is Zionism Today?' at Wagner College

Rabbi Michael Paley will deliver the free talk at 8 p.m. on Feb. 16

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

Rabbi Michael Paley of the UJA Federation of New York will lecture on the topic, "What is Zionism Today?" on Feb. 16 at Wagner College.

The theme of this year's Jewish Culture Series is "Modern Jewish Movements and the 21st Century" and the 8 p.m. talk is free. Wagner College's Chai Society and Hillel Foundation and the JCC are sponsors of the seventh annual Jewish Culture Series.

Rabbi Paley is the Pearl and Ira Meyer Scholar in Residence at the Jewish Resource Center of the UJA Federation of New York. Previously, Rabbi Paley was a professor of Jewish studies and dean at Bard College in Dutchess County. He was vice president of the Wexner Heritage Foundation in Manhattan, where he remains a member of the faculty.

For many years, Rabbi Paley served as the university chaplain at Columbia University in Manhattan. He founded the Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, a program that brings together outstanding students from diverse Jewish backgrounds. He earned his bachelor's degree at Brandeis University in Waltham/Boston Massachusetts and graduate degrees in Jewish and Islamic philosophy and science at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

The lecture will be held at Wagner's Spiro Hall 4. For information, e-mail [chaisociety@wagner.edu](mailto:chaisociety@wagner.edu) or call Drew Babitts at 718-420-4516.



**A noted scholar Rabbi Michael Paley will discuss "What is Zionism Today?" in a free talk at Wagner College on Feb. 16.**

The Jewish National Fund (JNF) is sponsoring a free presentation, "The Carmel Fires: One Year Later," by Boaz Rakia, Giv'atayim Israel fire chief, on Thursday at Congregation B'nai Israel in Bay Terrace.

Carmel Hai-Bar nature preserve in northern Israel near Haifa was devastated in December 2010 by what is considered the worst forest fire in the nation's history. Chief Rakia played a vital part in the response efforts for the Carmel fire and many other emergencies.

The talk will run from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., and light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Shira Berenson at [sberenson@jnf.org](mailto:sberenson@jnf.org) or 212-879-9305, ext. 501, or via the web site [Jnf.org](http://Jnf.org). B'nai Israel is at 45 Twombly Ave. For information, call 718-987-8188.

## COLLECTION FOR TREES

Temple Israel of Staten Island in Randall Manor is collecting money for the reforestation of the trees that were lost in the Carmel fire in Israel.

To celebrate a simcha, a life milestone or as a memorial, donate \$18 per tree by sending checks to the temple at 315 Forest Ave., 10301, made out to Temple Israel with "JNF" in the memo space. Jo Ann Lewis will coordinate the activity with JNF. For information, contact the temple office by e-mail at [tisievents@gmail.com](mailto:tisievents@gmail.com) or call 718-727-2231.

Temple Israel will hold its Tu B'Shevat Seder on Tuesday. The 6 p.m. seder will include dairy and vegetarian dishes and a pizza and pasta table for the children and desserts. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 5-12. RSVP to the temple office.

Shabbat Across America will take place on March 2 at Temple Israel with a traditional Shabbat dinner and a special night of prayer, study, song and unity. More details will be announced.

Tonight at Temple Israel, the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shira Family Service will feature the Junior Choir. The Oneg is sponsored by the Aroll and Galadyk families on the occasion of Tawny Galadyk being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah and co-sponsored by all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of February. Tomorrow, Torah study at 10 a.m. will be followed by Shabbat services at 11 a.m.

## TU B'SHEVAT FEB. 10

A Tu B'Shevat Seder will be held on Feb. 10 at Temple Emanu-El in Port Richmond, following regular services.

Shabbat services are Fridays at 8 p.m. followed by an Oneg and Saturdays at 9 a.m. followed by a Kiddush.

Feb. 13 is fast approaching as the deadline for when the decision is made about whether the temple will go on a trip to Israel from April 21 - April 29. The trip through ITC Tours includes

non-stop airfare on El-Al, hotel accommodations, daily buffet breakfast, dinners for four nights and Shabbat lunch.

Many historic and religious sites will be visited. The cost will be \$3,400 per person based on a group of 15. Contact the temple office at 718-442-5966 if you plan to travel with the group.

Joint Services are held at 7:20 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with a light breakfast and class with Rabbi Sussman on Fridays at Temple Emanu-El.

On Mondays and Thursdays, service are at 9 a.m. at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. Sunday morning services are at 9 a.m. at B'nai Jeshurun. The temple is at 984 Post Ave.

## ISRAELI FRUITS

Israeli fruits will be served in honor of Tu B'Shevat on Feb. 10 at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in West Brighton.

The free fruits will follow the 8 p.m. Boy Scout Friday Night Service. A free Hebrew School Friday Night Dinner will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 17.

Shabbat Across America

Friday Night service and free dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. on March 2.

The free "World Wide Wrap" always is held on Super Bowl Sunday at the 9 a.m. service. B'nai Jeshurun is participating in the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs annual event which encourages the performance of the ritual of tefillin, which is two leather strap and box sets, one traditionally wrapped around the wearers' weaker arm and the other worn above the forehead. The boxes contain biblical passages written on parchment. B'nai Jeshurun is at 275 Marling Ave.

## RABBI HONORED

The Sisterhood at Congregation Ahavath Israel in Totenville will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat in honor of Rabbi Avraham Maza tonight.

Services will be led by Rabbi Maza starting at 8 p.m. and tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. followed by a Kiddush. The rabbi will discuss the parsha at each service. The synagogue is at 7630 Amboy Rd. For information, call 718-356-8740.