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**SYNAGOGUE REPS** ... Over 80 board members of Central New Jersey Synagogues attended the recent dinner sponsored by the Synagogue-Federation Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey. The dinner was held at Temple Beth Or in Clark and featured the 1988 Central New Jersey Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Donnell Hartman. Pictured are representatives of Central New Jersey Synagogues including, standing (left to right), Liba Nudell, Temple Israel, Scotch Plains; Joseph Hoch and Ruth Hoch, Elmora Hebrew Center, Elizabeth; Aaron Arnold, Temple Israel, Scotch Plains; Morton Weitzman, Anshe Chesed, Linden; Rabbi Donnell Hartman, 1988

Scholar-in-Residence: Henry Kaplowitz, Congregation Beth Shalom, Union; Max Schloff, Temple Beth Or; Clark Martin Meltzer, Temple Beth El, Cranford; Michael Bass, Temple Beth El, Plainfield. Seated (left to right), Lila Kahn, Temple Beth Or, Rahway; Sylvia Berger, Temple Shalom, Plainfield; Rosalyn Sletzig and Pearl Levine, Temple Beth El, Plainfield; Ruth Levine, Temple Shalom, Plainfield; and Bess Herman, Temple Emmanuel, Westfield. Further information about the Synagogue-Federation Relations Committee and the Scholar-in-Residence Committee can be obtained by contacting Rebecca Glass, Federation Staff, 351-5060.

## Board of Ed rejects Council budget cuts

by Pat DiMaggio

Clark's Municipal Council and Board of Education have not yet agreed on reductions in the board's budget, defeated by voters in the schools election held April 5.

The \$7.5 million budget, defeated by voters, goes before the Municipal Council for possible reductions. If the board does not agree with the cuts, they can appeal the decision to the county superintendent. If the outcome is still disagreeable, the board can appeal to the State Commissioner of Education.

Clark's council, meeting last week, proposed total reductions of \$145,300 in the budget, including \$110,000 from the current

expense account and \$35,300 in the capital outlay account. "We give them a dollar figure," said Councilman Robert Ellenport, "and by law, we must give them an explanation of where we would like to see cuts made. By law, they don't have to follow our recommendations."

The council justified the reductions by allocating an additional \$30,000 out of miscellaneous revenue and by taking \$53,000 in cuts from the purchase of new equipment, the replacement of new equipment, heating

oil, building electric, water, transportation fuel, and tires and lubricants, said Ellenport.

"I think it is a livable figure on a \$7 million budget," noted Ellenport of the reductions. "It represents to the board a reduction of less than two percent, and it represents to the taxpayers of Clark a 2-point reduction in taxes."

The original \$7.5 million budget would have resulted in a 6-point tax increase for school purposes. In 1988, the average home in Clark was valued at \$114,000.

The proposed tax increase would have resulted in an additional \$5.66 per month. The Board of Education, meeting last week, voted unanimously to reject the council's proposals. The board still hopes to meet with the council for further discussion, said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul J. Ortenzio.

"We will try to meet again with the council," said Ortenzio. "If we cannot come to an agreement, we will appeal to the county superintendent."

## Dump may open for 'vegetative' disposal

by Pat DiMaggio

Residents may soon find a solution to the problem of grass clipping disposal in the Township if Councilman William Caruso is successful with his plan to reopen the dump located in back of the Police Department Headquarters Building on Westfield Avenue.

Caruso, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, assisted by Council President Fred Eckel, has asked the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to reopen the Township dump

as a vegetative station. "Everyone in Clark is concerned with what to do with grass clippings and twigs since the dump was closed by the DEP," said Caruso. "We contacted the DEP and made an inquiry if it would be feasible, under certain conditions, to qualify for a temporary permit for the old dump as a vegetative transfer station."

A vegetative transfer station would allow the dumping of grass clippings, twigs and leaves only. The matter may not be dumped on the ground, but must be stored in canisters, then quickly removed.

Caruso also said that the DEP said the Township is not obligated to bring the material to the A.M.S. transfer station in Linden. The material could be hauled directly to a dump or compost site out of the community.

"We could save a considerable amount of money if we didn't have to pay those tipping fees at Linden," noted Caruso.

Council President Eckel has authorized Caruso to send a letter of his intent to Councilman Robert Ellenport, Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, requesting action on filing an application for the temporary station. "My feelings are that we should take immediate action to guarantee our citizens the opportunity to dispose of their grass clippings, twigs and leaves in such a facility for the coming season," said Caruso.

## Clark AARP lists activities

Clark Chapter #3733 American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Friday, May 6, at 1 p.m. Brewer Senior Citizen Center, Westfield Avenue, Clark, following a social hour at 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers of the Clark Chapter AARP participate in many community activity groups, including delivery of Mobile Meals to Clark residents, collection of old eye glasses for Eyes for the Needy, Project Layette, for new born infants through the Visiting Nurse Association; the crocheting, knitting or sewing of lap robes for distribution to area hospitals, nursing homes and the Lyons Veterans Administration hospital; the collection of canned goods for distribution to area food kitchens; the collection of used adult clothing for distribution to the homeless and holiday gift

packages for shut-ins. Special needs requested by the area soup kitchens have been for shoes in good condition and household linens. Lyons V.A. Hospital is in need of good used clothing for some of the elderly male patients.

Social activities of the Clark group are scheduled for May 11 to Huntington Valley Dinner Theatre; June 14 to Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre; and a week trip to the Caymans of the West on September 20 being arranged by Clark Travel Agency.

Membership in Clark Chapter #3733 AARP is open to all area residents, 55 and over, employed or retired.

## Primary voters must register

The Office of the Township Clerk in Clark will be open until 9 p.m. on May 5, 6 and 9, for the purpose of taking Voter Registrations. Anyone desiring to vote in the Primary Election to be held June 7 must be a Registered Voter by May 9.

The Township Clerk's office is located in Room 28 at the Municipal Offices Building at 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark.

## PTA to hold plant sale

In Clark, a Plant Sale will be held by the Valley Road School PTA in the gymnasium — just in time for Mother's Day. Today (May 9) from 6:30-8 p.m. will be the previewing for the children and sale to parents. The sale to the children will take place on Friday, May 6 during school hours.

## Board of Ed commends x-ing guard for honesty

by Pat DiMaggio

Clark's Board of Education, at their regular meeting held last week, honored a student for her "honesty and steadfastness."

Holly Fewkes, a fifth grade student and member of the Crossing Guard Safety Patrol at Valley Road School, was commended with a resolution in her honor.

Holly found more than \$2500 dollars on the morning of March 15 and immediately reported the discovery to school authorities who found the rightful owner.

"Holly Fewkes exhibited a calm and determined demeanor and did not leave her post as a Crossing Guard Safety Patrol," stated the resolution. "Holly has set an example for all the students of the school community of Clark by her honesty and steadfastness."

In other business the board:

—Accepted the following students for senior practicum experience: Kean College, Laura Wagner, Diane Decker, Colleen Herman, Edward Cumming, Lynne W. Brady, Eileen Jobin, Barbara Sue Landsman, Ann Marie Lledo, Donna Marie Oliver, Bobby William Runyon and Kathleen M. Smith.

—Approved the attendance of Lace Cassidy at the N.J. Reading Association

Conference in Cherry Hill on May 12 and 13.

—Approved the attendance of Dr. Paul J. Ortenzio at the spring conference of the N.J. Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City on May 15-17.

—Saluted Hazel Howie, school secretary, in support of her intention to retire on June 30 after 34 years of service.

—Abolished the position of teacher of the handicapped and English as a Second

Language, established as a half-time position on August 25, 1987 and made full time on March 22, 1988, for reasons of fiscal exigency, effective June 30.

—Terminated the contract of Janice Lammers, a non-tenured teacher, effective June 30.

—Did not renew the contract of Marion Trabello, non-tenured foreign language teacher, effective June 30.

—Appointed the following non-tenured teachers:

Carolyn Zidak, Delia McCarthy, Diane Rizzo, Catherine DePaola.

—Approved the contract of Charles Cerniglia, maintenance foreman.

—Approved Jerome Sharp as a custodian at a salary of \$18,796.

—Approved Allan Griffin and John Gassman as temporary custodians.

—Reappointed Dr. Alexander Kowalenko and Dr. Nito Santiago as school medical officers at an annual stipend of \$1,850 each.

## Second annual science fair scheduled for Monday at Johnson Regional H.S.

Special science-related projects of all shapes and sizes, created by the students of Clark, will be on display next Monday, May 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. when the Science Club of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School holds its Second Annual Science Fair in the school's cafeteria.

Students from Johnson Regional High School and the three public grade schools in Clark — Carl H. Kumpf, Frank K. Hehlny and Valley Road — will be showing off their projects during this Science Fair.

Prizes will be awarded to those students with the best projects in the following categories: High School (Grades 9-12) and separate divisions for Grades 8, 7, 6, 5 and 4.

Parents, students and

local residents are cordially invited to attend the Science Fair and see the projects which have been constructed by these talented and creative

students.

For more information, please contact Mr. Roland Mariotti, Science Department Supervisor at Johnson Regional, at 382-0910.

Parents must register in advance in person at the library or by phoning 388-5999.

The Clark Public Library Book Club has changed the time of their next meeting from Monday, May 23 to Monday, May 9 at 3 p.m.

## Clark Library announces Story Time and rescheduled meeting

Spring Story Time for preschoolers aged 3; 4; 5 will be held at the Clark Public Library on Tuesdays, May 10, 17 and 24, from 10:30-11 a.m. The programs will consist of stories, songs, games and fingerplays.

Parents must register in advance in person at the library or by phoning 388-5999.

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**ARTISTIC AWARD** ... Congressman Matt Finaido presented an honorable mention award to Mrs. Marcia Haller, art teacher at Johnson Regional High School in Clark, for her student, Jennifer Nunes, whose painting

was entered in the Art Discovery competition sponsored by Finaido for high school artists in the Seventh Congressional District. Miss Nunes won an art scholarship to the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.