

Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee

2006 – 2007

We would like to thank Jennifer Cadoff for her five years of service as curator of the TJC Gallery. She has shown great dedication and, in this “curatorial year” alone, coordinated the following exhibits:

IN THE GALLERY...

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

The Gallery exhibited “A Jewish Journey,” an exhibit of selected paintings from over the past twelve years by congregant Joe Fath

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

The Gallery exhibited the photographic works of two of our congregants: Gil Gordon and Maia Reim

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

A special exhibit of our school children's art

MARCH/APRIL

The art of Sam Feinstein

APRIL - JUNE

Jews of Color: In Color! This traveling exhibit of photographs and stories showcases the faces and places that comprise today's multicultural Jewish world. A reception and multimedia presentation featuring the exhibition's curator, writer/photographer, Bryan Schwartz, was held at TJC on April 29. Bryan also met with students in the Sunday morning Religious School classes. Thanks to Judy Leopold for finalizing arrangements and publicizing this exhibit.

CONCERTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY 28, 2007

Cantor Simon presented excerpts from the new two-disc DVD, *Great Cantors of the Golden Age* and *Great Cantors in Cinema* that he produced for the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University. The audience (150 congregants and visitors from throughout New Jersey and the Philadelphia area) were treated to the Cantor's insights into these famous voices and how he located the many video clips included in the DVD. A wine and cheese reception followed.

FEBRUARY 3, 2007

The Sarah Aroeste Concert

Sarah appeared with her Ladino band on Saturday evening preceded by a Sephardic dessert reception. Sarah is the daughter of TJC congregant Jane Silverman. We packed 240 people into the Social Hall for a night of folk music

performed by this five-piece ensemble, fusing Judeo-Spanish music with contemporary rock, funk, blues, and jazz. Thank you to Debbie Brett for doing the publicity for this well-received event, and to the volunteers who helped with setup and ticket sales.

MARCH 18, 2007

Celebrating Cantor Simon's Tenth Anniversary at The Jewish Center

It was a grand night for singing as Cantor Murray E. Simon presented his 10th Anniversary Concert to a packed house, joined by soprano Meredith Greenberg and The Robyn Helzner Trio. A beautiful reception in the Social Hall followed during which a video tribute, produced by Alan Paley, to Cantor Simon was unveiled. Many thanks to Lori Feldstein and Mark Killingsworth, event co-chairs and to the many volunteers who helped make this event a great success, including planning committee members Gail Rose, Debbie Brett, Helaine Isaacs, Nancy Lewis, and Linda Grenis. Thanks also to The Witherspoon Street Traveling Medicine Show for providing musical entertainment during the reception.

MAY 20, 2007

Mordechai Rosenstein, Hebrew Calligrapher, visits TJC

We will have an opportunity to see the work of this world-renowned Jewish artist and to learn about how he creates his art. Mr. Rosenstein will also be doing an art project with Religious School students. Thanks to Rabbi Feldman for organizing this meaningful event.