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MORRISTOWN JEWISH Center Beit Yisrael will offer Awesome Journey: An Alternative High Holy Day Worship Experience, led by Rabbi Amy Small, on both days of Rosh Hashana and on Yom Kippur.

The service preserves the basic outline of traditional services but includes contemporary melodies interspersed with traditional ones, songs in English and Hebrew, and poetry presented by a "reading chorus." It will also include "kavanot" spiritual guides, shortened Torah readings to highlight the Torah's story and message, and a sermon dialogue — a presentation followed by a discussion.

A "Wilderness Tent" will provide a quiet place for personal reflection.

There is a modest fee to attend the three services, which are open to the community; call 973-538-9292.

AREYVUT, A NONPROFIT organization dedicated to inculcating the values of kindness, charity, and social

action, will hold an initial training session for its Mitzvah Clowning Program on Sunday, Oct. 11, 8 a.m.-noon at Lester Senior Housing Community in Whippany.

Participants will learn how to apply clown makeup, create balloon animals, and engage in role playing exercises and how to interact with seniors, children with special needs, and others. Following training, the Mitzvah Clowns will make monthly visits to the Lester residents, participate in the Friendship Circle Walk, visit Brighton Gardens senior residence, and meet with other agencies.

Since its founding in 2008, Areyvut has trained over 500 people in the art of clowning in a program geared toward students in sixth grade and up and adults.

"Our goal is to bring joy and laughter to the people we visit," said Areyvut founder and director Daniel Rothner. "Not only are participants benefiting others by bringing happiness into their lives, but they are benefiting themselves by seeing how

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Hadassah will host author of book on terror killings and a victim's father

MIKE KELLY, AUTHOR of *The Bus on Jaffa Road*, and anti-terrorist activist and attorney Stephen Flatow of West Orange will address the season's opening brunch of Roselle-Cranford Hadassah on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 9:15 a.m. at Temple Beth-El Mevor Chayim in Cranford.

The book is an examination of the terrorist killings of Brandeis student Alisa Flatow, Stephen's daughter, in 1995, and two other young Americans, Sara Duker and Matthew Eisenfeld, in 1996.

Kelly has worked for *The Record* newspaper of northern New Jersey since 1981. His research for *The Bus on Jaffa Road* took him on multiple trips to Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank, with frequent visits to the crime scenes. He interviewed family members and friends of the three victims, Israeli police, Shin Bet agents,

and the mastermind of the attacks — Hassan Salameh, a member of Hamas who is serving 46 life sentences in an Israeli prison.

After his daughter's death, Flatow commenced a series of lawsuits against the government of Iran. He has devoted much of the past two decades to campaigns aimed at heightening awareness of terror victims and their families. He has also helped the United States government identify parties illegally processing financial transactions for Iran.

Hadassah chapters and members of the community are invited to attend. Hadassah associate members will be honored at the brunch. A minimum donation of \$5 is suggested to defray the cost of the brunch. Kelly will sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase.

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Eruv to be installed at Princeton

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY will install an *eruv* — a virtual boundary that defines an area within which observant Jews can carry essential items, push baby strollers, and carry out other actions outdoors that are otherwise prohibited on Shabbat and major holidays.

Rabbi Julie Roth, campus chaplain and executive director of Princeton University's Center for Jewish Life/Hillel, said the project was initiated by the university. The research phase was supervised by Rabbis David Wolkenfeld and Elie Bercuson, who served as CJL's Orthodox Jewish educators through the Orthodox Union's Heshe and Harriet Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus. They worked on the plan together with many partners at the university — from Design and Construction to Community and Regional Affairs.

"After five years of dedicated effort, we are excited to see the construction of the *eruv* coming to fruition," said Roth. "It demonstrates Princeton University's incredible ongoing commitment to diversity in the broadest sense and its outstanding support of Jewish life on campus. The *eruv* will have a significant positive impact on our students and the broader community for years to come."

Supervising the construction of the *eruv*, which is due to be completed by mid-September, is Rabbi Ariel Fisher of the CJL and current OU-JLIC educator at Princeton University.

"I am very excited and honored to be taking over this project after the years of hard work contributed by my predecessors, Rabbis Wolkenfeld and Bercuson," said Fisher. "This *eruv* will allow our strong and vibrant community to continue to grow and develop."

"We are all very grateful to the university for the considerable resources that they have invested and the wonderful partnership they brought to this initiative," said Fisher. "It truly demonstrates their dedication to religious pluralism in general and to the Jewish community specifically."

A map of the *eruv* boundaries can be viewed at facilities.princeton.edu/sites/default/files/Princeton_ERUV_0.pdf.

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much of an impact they can have on the world."

The fee to participate is \$250, which includes a clown kit, costume, and supplies for the site visits. Contact Elana Winchester at elana@areyvut.org or visit areyvut.org.

ORT AMERICA'S Tri-State Region will hold its first multi-generational "Bagels, Lox & Science Talks" event on Sunday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, to raise funds for ORT's global programming.

Highlights will include educational activities for children, a brunch, the presentation of the first ORT America's Outstanding STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Educator Award, and a silent auction. Guests will also be able to explore the center's exhibits and visit its IMAX Theater.

The cost is \$50, \$25 for children, \$100 for a family of four (tickets include entrance to the museum and IMAX Theater); visit ORTamerica.org/sciencetalks or contact region director Julia Ben-Shalom at 212/247-9129 or jbenshalom@ORTamerica.org.

THE RACHEL COALITION, a division of Jewish Family Service of MetroWest and a partnership of nine organizations providing support and services for victims of domestic violence, is seeking volunteers for its 40-hour Court Advocate Training Program.

Since 2006, the coalition has placed volunteers in Essex County Family Court in Newark to explain the restraining order process to victims, assist with the application, provide information about community services, and offer emotional support.

Training will be held on Tuesdays, Oct. 13-Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Volunteers will have an opportunity to observe court proceedings. Those who have already taken a 40-hour domestic violence training class can qualify for abbreviated training.

"If you are seeking a volunteer position with a difference, have an interest in the legal system, and want to learn more about ways to assist victims of domestic violence, then this is your invitation," said Suzanne Groisser, Rachel Coalition's coordinator of legal services.

To schedule an interview, contact Groisser at 201-407-3243 or sgroisser@jfsmetrowest.org.