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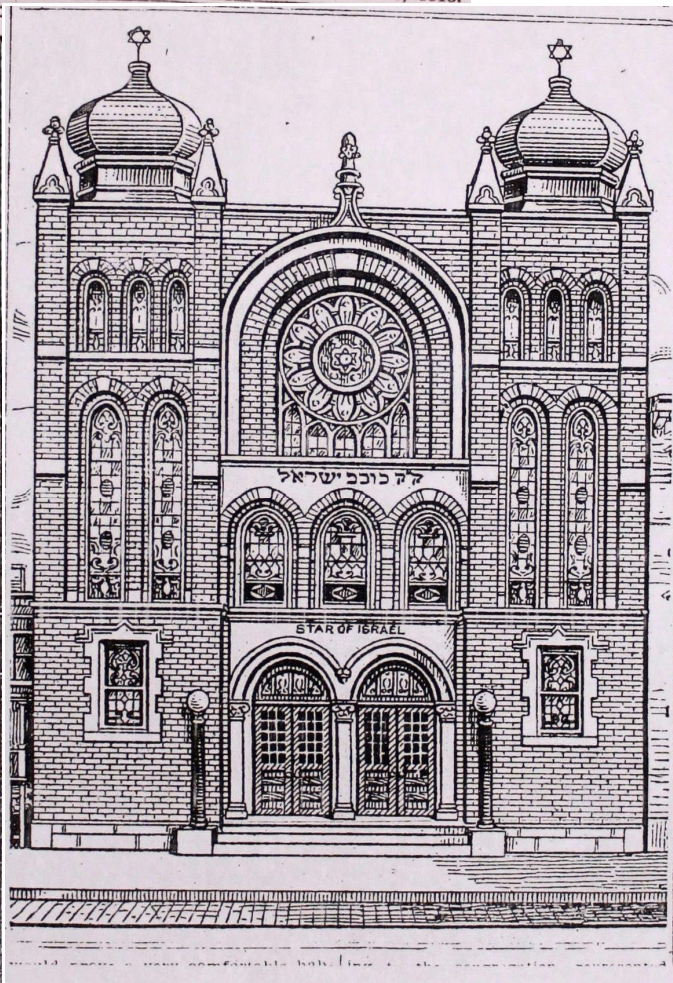
## LOCAL HEBREWS HAVE BEAUTIFUL NEW SYNAGOGUE

Magnificent Home of Star of  
Israel Congregation to  
Be Dedicated.

### IMPRESSIVE SERVICES TO MARK CEREMONY

To-morrow will be a red letter day in the history of the Hebrew community in Hoboken, for it will see the dedication of the beautiful synagogue of the Star of Israel Congregation. Just one year ago ground was broken for the building and to-morrow the magnificent structure, now standing at 115 and 117 Park avenue will be formally dedicated and handed over to the congregation.

The ceremony will be simple and at the same time impressive. At 2 o'clock the members of the congregation will assemble at the vestry hall. Morris Eichler, chairman of the dedication committee, will then select some member of the congregation for the honor of opening the synagogue. The choir of twenty-five voices, led by the Rev. S. Meisels, the distinguished and noted cantor of New York, will lead the way into the edifice. Inside the building Mr. Eichler will introduce the chairman of the building committee, who will formally turn over the build-



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STAR OF ISRAEL

This month we celebrate the centennial of a central figure in our community: our shul. We hope you'll be able to join us over the weekend of May 15 through 17 as we say happy anniversary and happy birthday to this magnificent building that serves so ably as our Beit Knesset, Beit Midrash, Beit Tefilah and Beit Am.

For the most up to date information on events, please visit our website at [www.hobokensynagogue.org](http://www.hobokensynagogue.org).

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### Schedule of Services

Friday night: 7:00 pm

Saturday morning: 9:30 am

Monday: 7:30 pm

**CELEBRATE OUR BUILDING**  
**1915-2015**  
**בית כנסת**  
**BEIT KENESSET - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**



**JOIN US:**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 15**  
 TO  
**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
 FOR  
 A WEEKEND OF FESTIVITIES  
 CELEBRATING  
**THE STAR OF ISRAEL**  
**SYNAGOGUE AT 100**

## Join us for the celebration! The Historic Star of Israel Synagogue turns 100!

It's a weekend festival - May 15 to 17

Programs + Exhibits + Tours + Block Party + Concert

This month our community celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our historic synagogue, the Star of Israel, with a weekend of events, May 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

One of New Jersey's oldest synagogues, the Star of Israel was dedicated on May 16, 1915, and has been an active synagogue continuously since that time. It was placed on the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places in June, 2008.

During the 1970s, prior to Hoboken's revitalization, few Jews remained in the city and the Star of Israel opened only during the High Holy Days. In disrepair and costly to maintain, the synagogue was almost sold.

The anniversary weekend celebrates the Star of Israel as a symbol of the revival of Jewish life in Hudson County, the resilience of the Jewish people, and America's welcoming embrace and respect for all communities.

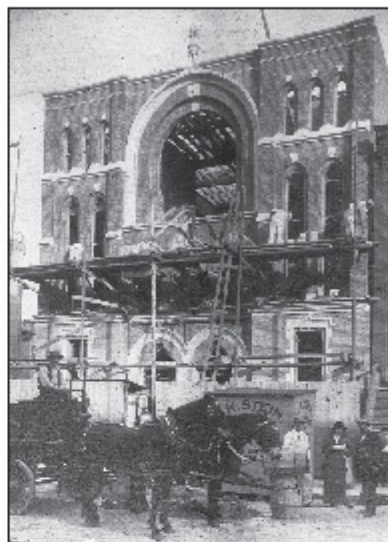


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**CELEBRATE FRIDAY**  
**MAY 15**  
**100 YEARS**  
**בית תפילה**  
**BEIT TEFILAH - HOUSE OF PRAYER**

**Friday, May 15, 2015**  
**6:00 to 9:00 pm**

*The synagogue as a  
 House of Prayer, Beit Tefilah*

The celebration begins with a musical Friday night service and a program devoted to the community and architectural history of the Star of Israel. Childcare will be available during the program.

**CELEBRATE SATURDAY**  
**MAY 16**  
**100 YEARS**  
**בית מדרש**  
**BEIT MIDRASH - HOUSE OF STUDY**

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**  
**9:30 to 1:30 pm**

*The synagogue as House of  
 Learning, Beit Midrash*

Students from the synagogue's Learning Center lead a Shabbat morning of prayer and song to celebrate their year of experiential learning in and out of the synagogue. Kiddush, A light brunch follows.

**CELEBRATE SUNDAY**  
**MAY 17**  
**100 YEARS**  
**בית עם**  
**BEIT AM  
 HOUSE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY**

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**  
**1:00 - 4:00 pm block party**  
**4:00 - 6:00 pm concert**

*(Look for ad in this issue)*

*The synagogue as House of the Jewish  
 Community, Beit Am*

The block of Park Ave. in front of the synagogue closes for a block party that recalls the period a century ago when the neighborhood was home to recently arrived immigrants and First Street was lined with kosher markets.

**MORE DETAILS ONLINE & ON FACEBOOK**  
**VISIT [HOBOKENSYNAGOGUE.ORG/STAROFISRAELCENTENNIAL.PHP](http://HOBOKENSYNAGOGUE.ORG/STAROFISRAELCENTENNIAL.PHP)**

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May 2, Marty Cohen and Susan Klein in honor of

Rebecca (Becky's) bat mitzvah

May 16, Learning Center Year End Celebration

May 23, Sharon Stern in honor of Rachel's bat mitzvah

May 30, Lisa Hershey in honor of Ruby's bat mitzvah

### IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

#### Congratulations to

Gregory Marx and Debbie Greenberger in honor of the birth of their son, Benjamin, and to big sister Leora

#### Condolences to

David Spivak on the loss of his mother, Alice Spivak, and to her husband Bruce, daughter-in-law Rivky, and grandson Elijah.

Laura Foligno on the loss of her father, Daniel Schechter, and to her husband Tom, daughters Hannah and Sylvie, and mother Sandra.

#### Welcome to New Members

Freida Brown

Shira Flora Pearlman

Gladys Bensimon Redmond

## UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF HOBOKEN 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT THANKS EVERYONE INVOLVED!

With another Casino Night in the books, the only thing left to do is thank everyone connected with the event. It takes many people to put this together and it's everyone's energy that makes it such a success.

A big thank you goes out to the businesses and members of the community that sponsored the event... Help us thank them by letting them know you appreciate their sponsorship!



### OTHER THANK YOU'S:

Rabbi Scheinberg, Lauren Blumenfeld, Rachelle Grossman, Grace Gurman-Chan, Myrna Kasser, Laura Forino, Bruce Prussack, Ron Rosenberg, Mike Alexis, Christian Gonzalez, Phillip Morrison

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cindy Altberger, Anita Belle, Susan Chait, Lexi Coen, Cathy Cruz-Levine, Marni Kriegel, Shana Lee, David Plotka, Carly Ringer, Ava Schoellnast, Gary Spector, Gene Steinhart, Isabella Stempler, Pamela Strell, Rhonda Strosberg and Harriet Taub

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Jason Altberger, Isaiah Belle, Suzanne Heyman, Harry Kafka, Jane Klueger, Jeff Kreisler, Russell Kriegel, Louise Kurtz, Ruthy McAllister, Matt Meistrich, Rochelle Ohring, Howard Olah-Reiken, Lauren Sapira, Susan Schept, Sandy Schoellnast, Yvonne Silver, Adam Strosberg, Joshua Youdovin & Marie Papp Photography

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# Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Shavuot eve Torah study

For centuries, Jews have gathered for study and discussion on the evening of the holiday of Shavu'ot, studying Torah well into the night.... (and eating blintzes and cheesecake too!)

Topics to include:

- Jewish texts on laughter
- What does Judaism say about gun safety?
- Judaism and natural disasters
- What's Jewish about Jewish food?

Sat. May 23, 8:30pm until early morning

115 Park Avenue

## Mitzvah Time at the Hoboken Shelter

USH provides volunteers at the Hoboken Homeless Shelter (3rd/Bloomfield) on the 2nd Monday night of each month—including May 11 and June 8,



6-8:30pm. Contact Mike at [mikeshaw1021@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeshaw1021@yahoo.com) for more info or to sign up.

USH was among the founders of the Hoboken Shelter and we support its activities financially and with volunteers. See [hobokenshelter.org](http://hobokenshelter.org) for info about the shelter's needs, for volunteers, supplies, and funds (especially if you work for a company that will match donations to non-profit social service orgs!).




# Shabbat in the Park

**Fridays: May 29, June 19, July 10, August 14, 6pm**

**Church Square Park (near corner of 5th/Willow), weather permitting**

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Bring a picnic dinner for your family (kosher or vegetarian please).... we'll provide the challah and grape juice.... Join Rabbi Scheinberg for song, prayer and stories to welcome Shabbat! Especially for families with young children....though children and adults of all ages are invited.

Free...More info: 201-653-8666 or [office@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:office@hobokensynagogue.org). (Please note: regularly scheduled service takes place at the synagogue at 7pm as usual.)

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| June 15-19:                                 | Plants, Potions & Magnets |
| June 22-26:                                 | Fins, Furs & Feathers     |
| <b>Weeks 3 &amp; 4: Sports &amp; Games</b>  |                           |
| Ball Skills, Exercise, Group games          |                           |
| Soccer, T-ball, Kickball and more           |                           |
| June 29-July 2                              |                           |
| July 27-31                                  |                           |
| <b>Weeks 4 &amp; 5: Creative Dramatics</b>  |                           |
| Art, Drama, Movement and Music              |                           |
| July 6-10                                   |                           |
| July 13-17                                  |                           |
| <b>Week 6: Recycle, Reuse, Rebuild</b>      |                           |
| July 20-July 24                             |                           |

For more information please contact us at [ushpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ushpreschool@gmail.com). Visit our website at [www.kaplancooperativepreschool.org](http://www.kaplancooperativepreschool.org) for the application. Current Kaplan students and USH members have priority sign up until February 17, 2015.

**The Hoboken Jewish Book Club  
(formerly known as NCJW-HH Vol 2)**

**Invites you to our next meeting.**

**Sunday, June 7th, 2015**

**3-4 PM**

USH  
115 Park Ave, Hoboken, NJ 07030  
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Snacks & Drinks to be served.

We will be discussing **The Boston Girl**, A Novel by Anita Diamant





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גילאי 5-8 תוכנית טיול בארץ האותיות

10:15-10:30 הפסקת חסיף ברא (פר) והחלפת כיתות

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## Paula Valstein

Paula Valstein's undeniable voice matched with a powerful sense of songwriting, has brought this Tel Aviv native all the way from Israel to New York while touching the lives of music lovers worldwide.

Paula, now residing in Tel-aviv, Israel, has headlined various venues including The Blue Note, Highline Ballroom (NYC), Joe's Pub, Rockwood Music Hall, CMJ Festival and the Steinway Piano Series at

the Highline Ballroom in new York just to name a few.

This past year has been Paula's busiest yet, playing with her super band with such recording artists as Joan Osborne, Colin Hay (Men At Work), and New Orleans legend Dr. John. Paula also signed with a publishing company Strictly Confidential in 2013 in Paris.

In 2013 Paula has released 2 singles "Play with me" and "Two stars" electro-clash songs, both of the songs were also leading 2 big fashion campaigns "Castro and Carolina Lemke Berlin". They have crossed more than 500.000 views on youtube. Paula performed twice at the International Jazz Festival in the Philippines 2014, Singapore 2013 and did an extensive worldwide tour performing in Monte Carlo, United States, Israel and Canada.

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