32nd Annual Mike D’Ambrosio PAL Poster Contest Kicks Off

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On This Day in Yonkers History...

By Mary Hoar

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Historian and historical dramatist Mina Crasson will present “Jonas Phillips and the Yiddish Code,” a fascinating talk of local interest about the Revolutionary War, on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Yonkers Public Library, Grinton Will branch, 1500 Central Park Ave., Yonkers. Crasson presents the fascinating story about how a different Phillips – ardent American patriot Jonas Phillips – confounded the British during the American Revolution. Music to accompany the presentation will be presented by Judy Skoog. This program, sponsored by Friends of the Yonkers Public library is open to the public free of charge and will take place in the 325-seat PinCUS Auditorium.

For more information and directions to the library, call 914-337-1500.
Martin Staub

Built it into a business spanning three continents headquartered in New York City, with offices in Korektal, Hang-kong, France and Basel, Switzerland – employing hundreds of people, in factories and offices, until his retirement a few years ago.

Still living in Brooklyn, Staub met a man introduced to him by a woman whom he described as “speaking just like you!” (with the same accent) – and that is how he met and married his wife, whom he serves him, along with their son Arthur Staub and daughter Audrey. They also have two grandsons living in Boston, Mass.

Staub’s funeral was held Tuesday, Feb. 3, with burial in Ramapo, N.Y., in the plots of the Lincoln Park Jewish Center, with which he and his family were members for 50 years.

Yonkers Rising published a long account of Staub’s remarkable story in the issues of May 23, 2014.

By Eric W. Schoen


Ethics in Albany? Important for our health-care cars. Drivers unimportant to the weather when the road is wet. Umbrellas stop blowing.

A little cold weather, snow on the ground, has been around us gone out?

Does New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie have a modified death penalty? “Parents need to have some choice!” in deciding whether to vaccinate their children. “We need it!” decried elatedly in a speech in the U.S. in the year 2015.

There are more than 100 confirmed cases as of Feb. 6, which spread out across 11 states, and last year was a record outbreak of measles in which 644 cases were diagnosed across 27 states. The latest outbreaks appears started in Disneyland in California – the happiest place on Earth.

“We have a vaccine that is more than 95 percent effective. The little babies and children who are vaccinated and have autism have been debunked by our top scientists. Chris Christie vaccinated his children, but in his quest for the presidency he stated “parents need to have some choice!”

The Sugar Bowl: Everyone in the world celebrates even if they, me, haven’t a clue about football. People are spent on creating commercials that are supposed to be the best our brilliant marketers can produce. An insurance company runs a commercial featuring a kid talking about how he’ll work hard and save up to buy the world with his best friend because he died in a head-on collision. There’s not an important but, discussion of them buying the Super Bowl. The year surely doesn’t do your appetite for more chips and grand values.

And did the Brady bunch commercial stimulate your desire for a Snickers bar?

A lot of us prefer the time capsule of the 80s. Have they been carried out by the American Meteorological Society like Al Roker or a Sam Silver – or by a writer – are not adept at driving when our roads are in far-from-perfect condition. Most politicos he is going to mandate and impose ridiculous rules so to make sure the Entenmann’s donuts are there to help us weather the storm. For my receding hairline, I like to use high-end hair products by Paul Mitchell. They keep the few hair follicles I have left from falling out. Don’t they tell me the product I bought was an impostor and that they only sell their products in big-box retailers. Because good clothes and beauty aids and big-box retailers. Who would have thought my $15 hair gel was fake? For so little money, the New York City stopped cold on a snowy wet day filled with riders. Was it the ice, snow and the wind that stop the trains in its tracks? And did the truth come out in the tracks and it knocked out the servers that day? The trains stopped abruptly and running and because of this, the tracks tuck, regarding doctors.

Thousands of New Yorkers were spangled all because of a wayward umbrella that probably flew out of a commuter’s hands as they were awaiting a train. Isn’t it hard to believe that an umbrella can cause so much damage? Because some said they were gone to do some close in their probe of Albany government?

Silver is tarnished and New York politics is a failed state. Everyone knows Albany is pay to play,” and Cuomo who had a good opportunity when he chatted gubernatorial the first time to clean up Albany is an evil to believe that after the jails are full of crooked New York politicians he is going to mandate and impose ridiculous rules so to make sure the Entenmann’s donuts are there to help us weather the storm.

For my receding hairline, I like to use high-end hair products by Paul Mitchell. They keep the few hair follicles I have left from falling out.
Congressman Applauds Obama’s 2016 Budget

Congressman Eliot Engel, a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, addressed President Barack Obama’s 2016 budget for its combination of supporting the middle-class and improve national security. Engel believes the budget is working toward maintaining fiscal responsibility.

"This year’s 2016 budget proposes focused and smart investments in areas, by using the tax code to encourage the saving and education and child care more affordable for millions of families. The president’s plan would also put an end to the sequester that was implemented in 2011 as part of the now infamous “sequester.” I did not vote for the sequester in 2011 because I believed that it had been bad policy, just as it is an extant bad policy today," said Engel. "The mindless automatic cuts to essential services, which took four years ago and have been counterproductive to our economic recovery, limiting its potential by curtailing government spending in research, education and defense. Our economy is in a state of anemic – not because of it. I applaud President Obama for offering a budget that is finally onesankind, which will allow us to grow the middle-class and put more Americans on a path to prosperity, if they are willing to put in the time and make a wise investment in our aging infrastructure." In addition to ending the sequestration, the president’s budget includes $57.0 billion for education, a 5 percent increase over the previous year, as well as a $1.5 billion increase in Head Start funding. The president’s budget allocates more funds in grants for states to develop and expand early childhood programs that could come lowest-income families. When the president’s budget does make is a substantial increase in funding to support the budget to $100 billion over the next five years. I am happy to see President Obama take a page from the Empower America’s book and I am happy to see my country in a budget that keeps America moving forward."

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Winter Fun in Downtown Yonkers

The Concordia Promise dual credit program offers a unique opportunity to the students who are interested in college and are ready to start. It allows students to take college classes while still in high school and be awarded college credit upon graduation. This program is available at Concordia University Wisconsin’s Mequon and Ann Arbor campuses, as well as the Online Campus. For more information, visit www.concordia.edu/dualcredit or contact Concordia’s Dual Credit Coordinator, Christine Kettell, at 262-243-2077.

Concordia Offering a Year of Free College

The Concordia Promise helps solve this crisis. Students who are then eligible to participate in the Concordia Promise dual credit program are offered college courses for free, with the exception of fees such as books and supplies. This opportunity is more affordable, accessible, and financially feasible for students to pursue their future goals, while completing their high school diploma.

Writing Institute at SUNY New Paltz Brings Classes to Scarsdale

The Writing Institute at SUNY New Paltz, located in Scarsdale, offers a variety of writing classes for adults. These classes are open to anyone interested in improving their writing skills, whether it be for personal or professional reasons. For more information or to register for a class, visit www.sunypalt.edu/writing-institute or call 845-687-5201.

Taste the Tradition... in Our Private Party Room

Rotary Service to Our Community

Join the Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers and play a part in the service to the Yonkers community.

The basic idea of Rotary is "Service above self" – service to others and thoughtfulness of others.

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Visit www.risingmediagroup.com
More than 150 seniors joined with Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino to receive their Social Security cards at a special event held at the White Plains Library.

“Events like this keep politicians grounded in what really matters,” said Astorino. “It gives us an opportunity to engage in face-to-face conversations with our constituents, and to promote your ideas to the entire community.

This year’s speak-out – “All-American Aging in Place” – focused on keeping seniors in their homes and communities. Issues raised at the event will be publicized in the “Senior-Press” and distributed at the 2015 Legislative Speak-Out.

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The two largest organizations addressing hunger in Westchester County officially joined forces, when the Food Bank for Westchester and the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless recently signed a merger agreement.

Food Bank President/CEO Ellis Lynch and Westchester Coalition Executive Director Joanna Blum signed the merger agreement at a ceremony Jan. 30, which was attended by board members from both organizations, as well as Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino, who signed letters of endorsement by Westchester County Executive Chairman Michael Kaplowitz.

Under the terms of the merger, which has been approved by New York State, the White Plains-based Food Bank will continue as an independent entity, while the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless will be a division of the Food Bank.

The merger will strengthen the mission of both organizations by enabling them to more efficiently and more generously distribute food.

With the merger, the food bank will continue to build on the coalition's efforts and resources while also being able to engage its volunteers and supporters within the new structure.

Celebrating Tu BiShvat Seder
At Lincoln Park Jewish Center

The Jewish holiday of Tu BiShvat marks the day on which the fruit trees in the Land of Israel start to blossom, and is celebrated as the New Year of the Trees.

This agricultural holiday was probably first observed in the rabbis' time at the Temple, but later forgotten, due to most of the country being inhabited by non-Jewish nations from the land and thus not able to observe it.

Until Tu BiShvat, the 15th day of the month of Shevat and the beginning of the rainy season, the low temperatures, trees are unable to absorb water and nutrients from the soil.

But starting on Tu BiShvat, this year occurring Feb. 4, trees awaken from their dormant state and start to make use of the water in the soil to grow and develop.

In the mystical Cabalistic practice of Judaism, Tu BiShvat is observed as a holiday of great significance to the Cabalistic School. It developed as the symbolization of the trees and their growth in time to their specific seasons, nature, primarily by the Sephardic and later in the Chassidic communities. In modern times, Tu BiShvat was joyously resurrected by the Zionist movement as a way to secure our attachment to the land of Israel.

Planting trees symbolizes our desire to develop the land anew. The fruits of the land become symbols of removing varying degrees of negativity from our homes and offices. The fruits serve as a提神者 that reminds us of the importance of seedling our seeds and seeds.

Pastor Morris Mayer with wife, Mutiara, and daughters Stefanie and Diana.
The two police officers that will appear on this year’s poster will be Sgt. John Viviano and his son, Officer John Viviano Jr. This year will mark the first time that a father-and-son team from YPD will appear on the poster.

Both were selected by the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association and the Yonkers Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants Association. Spano thanked the PAL for once again providing the people of Yonkers with one of the most unique and popular programs in the city, which will provide the hundreds of students who enter an opportunity to learn about how police officers are your friend, and how to build self-esteem and confidence.

More than 3,000 flyers with details on how to enter the poster contest have been sent to schools throughout the city. Every student who resides in Yonkers; attends a Yonkers public, private or parochial school; and is in either the fifth or sixth grade is eligible to submit a photo. To enter the contest, send in a photo up to 5-by-7 inches with your name, address, age, birthday, phone number, school and grade written on the back. Students can either give their photo to a teacher, or mail it to: Attn. Margaret Staruch, PAL New Faces, 127 N. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701; or call Margaret at 914-968-7468.

The final competition of the PAL poster contest will be held Monday, May 4 at City Hall.