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DDHH and NJ Hospitals: Working Together



We often are the recipients of concerns and complaints from constituents who have difficulty receiving appropriate communication access and services to assist in hospitals. Advocacy and education is required and we empower our consumers with the necessary information, stepping in ourselves when needed. To that end, when DDHH received an invitation to present at the New Jersey Health Care Advocates meeting on Thursday March 15, 2012, we jumped at the opportunity.

Cathy Grehlinger, Traci Burton and Jason Weiland spoke at the advocates' meeting and were well received. Twenty-two representatives from various hospitals around the state benefitted from discussion on VRI, interpreters, personal amplifiers, telephonic and other technology, and the presentation ended with an introduction to DDHH and services we provide.

At the conclusion of the presentation we brainstormed on how we may all work together to better serve patients with hearing loss. Many feasible ideas came about and DDHH looks forward to working with the New Jersey Health Care Advocates and the hospitals around the state to better serve this population.



What You Can Do About Hearing Loss

An estimated 28 million Americans have hearing loss. If you think you or a loved one is among them, there is help. Every May since 1927, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has used the **May is Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM)** celebration as a time to encourage Americans to get their hearing tested and determine if they have a hearing loss.

You or a loved one may have a hearing loss if you:

- Frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- Often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better
- Understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces
- Lose your place in group conversations

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May is Better Hearing & Speech Month



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Through Communication

BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH

www.asha.org





Director's Corner

By David Alexander, Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)

Better Hearing and Speech Month is celebrated nationally each May. The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is pleased to promote Better Hearing and Speech Month and to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of regular hearing screenings. Regular hearing screenings are essential to maintaining hearing health.

It is estimated that there are more than 850,000 New Jerseyans with hearing loss. Even a mild loss can impact the quality of life affecting speech and language development, education, employment and even lead to social isolation and depression. Screenings can detect changes in hearing levels and lead to appropriate treatment and intervention to improve the quality of life.

Hearing loss often is thought of as a natural byproduct of the aging process. However, it may occur at any age. In fact, studies are beginning to show that hearing loss is becoming increasingly more common among younger people due to chronic exposure to loud noise. According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, people within the age group of 29 - 69 are increasingly at risk for hearing loss from headphones or earphones placed directly in the ears and used with media players and cell phones. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) provides guidelines for hearing screenings for all age groups (see excerpt from ASHA).

Hearing loss may occur slowly over time and may be difficult to notice. However, the sooner it is detected, the more effectively it can be treated and intervention provided. Better Hearing and Speech Month is a good time to have your hearing evaluated if you or a family member is experiencing symptoms of a hearing loss. To find a certified audiologist in your local area, go to ProSearch at www.asha.org/findpro or contact the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



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The deadline for the Monthly Communicator is the first of the month for the next month.

Kindly follow these guidelines for submissions:

- Should be less than two pages
- Plain font, such as NY Times #11 or similar
- Type flush left, no tabs
- No art imbedded within
- Send as Word attachment or an e-mail itself, no PDF
- Art, logos, photos may be sent as attached JPG
- Submissions are not normally repeated
- Content should be of interest to readers, events should be accessible to people with hearing loss, no direct selling products, but educational info about new technology acceptable
- Editor has discretion regarding editing, without final approval of submitter

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Letters to the Editor



Editor's Note:

The **April MC** had two errors:

■ On **June 9, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day**, the cost for a Great Adventure ticket for Hurricane Harbor should have stated \$25.

■ The email address for ticket seller NJAD should be: **joshuabeckman87@gmail.com**

Please Note:

We only publish one issue during the summer, a combined July/August edition. The deadline for this issue is June first. The deadline for the September issue is August first.



Dear Editor:

Re: April MC Page 7
“Access at the National American Jewish Museum in Philadelphia”

The article states that the State of Israel was founded in 1950. The State of Israel was actually founded on May 14, 1948.

Florence C. Goldberg
Summit, NJ

Human Services Appoints New Deputy Commissioner



Department of Human Services (DHS) Commissioner Jennifer Velez recently announced the appointment of Lowell Arye to the position of Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Arye served as Policy Advisor to the Governor on issues related to human services, children and families.

The commissioner’s selection reinforces recommendations made during Governor Chris Christie’s fiscal year 2013 Budget Address, in which a restructuring of state government was proposed in order to better serve residents. Included among the changes is the transfer of senior related programs from the Department

of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to DHS. Mr. Arye, who is a trained gerontologist and nationally recognized expert in the fields of aging and disability, will be responsible for the transition and oversight of the Division of Aging Services and the Division of Family Development.

“I have known and worked with Lowell for fifteen years,” said Commissioner Velez. “I have great admiration and respect for his intelligence, insight and experience on policy matters. I’m grateful, and the Department is fortunate, that he accepted this new and challenging role.”

During his time as Policy Advisor, Mr. Arye was instrumental in forging a data-match initiative between DHSS and DHS that offered senior citizens who qualify for prescription assistance a streamlined application for food and nutrition support. As a result, more than 30,000 seniors on the Prescription Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program have

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- Keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud
- Have pain or ringing in your ears
- Notice that some sounds remain clear (often low-pitched sounds such as the bass line in music) while others may seem fuzzy (frequently women’s and children’s high-pitched voices).

People who see themselves in these statements should see an audiologist for a hearing test. Even a very slight hearing loss can have an impact on your daily life. Hearing loss is treatable, and there is no reason for anyone to miss all the important sounds of life.

As a first step, people who think they may have hearing loss or other hearing disorders should see an audiologist. These professionals specialize in preventing, identifying, assessing, and treating hearing disorders. Also, they provide treatment for hearing loss including properly-fitting hearing aids and other assistive listening devices, and they can teach people with



hearing loss how to concentrate on hearing all sounds. Hearing loss often occurs slowly and has many causes, such as exposure to noise or aging. Because this type of hearing loss is entirely preventable, people should use noise-canceling headphones or ear plugs when they are in noisy environments or activities.

Children at risk for hearing loss, such as chronic ear infections or family history of hearing loss, should be screened as frequently as needed to ensure they are hearing well. Otherwise, for children ages 5-18, hearing screenings should occur on initial entry into school and annually in kindergarten through third grade as well as in the 7th and 11th grades.

Also, an annual hearing checkup is a good idea for people from age 45 and older.



The Best Phone Apps to Measure Noise Levels

By Traci Burton, *Field Representative*

One of the first rules to hearing preservation is to avoid noisy areas, and to not expose ourselves to loud sound for a prolonged period of time without some form of ear protection. But how do you know when loud is too loud?

The www.healthyhearing.com article below talks about various telephone apps to help us determine when we are in dangerously high decibel levels.

Every day, we encounter a variety of sounds that hum, buzz, and ring at safe noise levels. However, individuals of all ages sometimes risk exposure to harmful noises that damage the sensitive structure of the inner ear and cause permanent or temporary Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL). Inside the ear, small hair cells transmit electrical signals to the brain. These hair cells often are harmed or completely destroyed by extremely loud noises at home, in the workplace, and as we go about living our lives.

Common activities like attending rock concerts, working with shop tools, and operating lawn mowing equipment, as well as one-time occurrences like explosions, can destroy these delicate hair cells, resulting in hearing loss and even annoying tinnitus, or ringing in the ears.

Luckily, with modern technology comes help in measuring the decibel level of sounds around us. We found some great smart phone apps that raise a red flag when users enter situations that reach noise levels that may contribute to hearing problems. The mobile nature of the smart phone makes it easy to take control of your health and hearing wherever you are, and avoid activities and locations that may be detrimental to healthy ears. Read on to learn more about our favorite iPhone and Android apps for measuring noise levels.

dB Volume Meter

This application, created for iPhone, offers a way to measure audio volume in the environment around you. Created by



Darren Gates, dB Volume Meter shows the approximate decibel level, or Sound Pressure Level (SPL), wherever you and your smart phone are located. Although quite accurate, the application is mainly a tool for detecting noise levels in casual settings such as at airports or loud music venues. Those operating heavy machinery, explosive devices, or exposing themselves to known decibel levels over 90 dB should rely on a professional SPL meter. The application provides useful examples of noises that may be over the dangerous 90 dB level, such as gun blasts at close range and jet take-offs. dB Volume Meter must be calibrated to work optimally and requires an external microphone, which is built in to the iPhone 4. This iPhone app can be downloaded at <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/db-volume-meter/id353432115?mt=8>.

TooLoud?

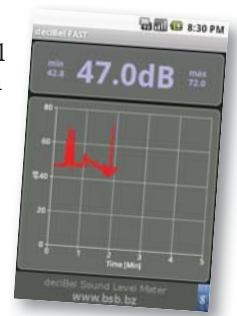
Also developed as an iPhone app, **TooLoud?** is a sound level meter tool that shows you the noise levels in your environment and warns you if you should be wearing earplugs. It's often easy to take loud noises for granted as part of the necessity of living or working in certain conditions. **TooLoud?** provides decibel levels in a simple numerical display and allows you to specify filters and offset values for normal background noise. The offset value can be adjusted positively or negatively, to correspond to features in different microphones or other iOS devices. The Pro version is just \$0.99 and removes the advertisements.



TooLoud? is quite popular, receiving a 4 of 5 user rating on iTunes mobile app store, and can be downloaded here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tooloud/id393039065?mt=8>.

deciBel

This sound level meter application for the Android market is a simple tool that uses the smart phone's microphone to measure Sound Pressure Level (SPL). **deciBel** displays the current, minimum, and maximum values of sounds around you, in decibels, and then turns this information into user-friendly sound level charts and graphs. The free application, developed by Peter Tschudin, offers help with calibrating the program as well as foreign translation. Explore this Android app and download it here: https://market.android.com/details?id=bz.bsb.deciBel&feature=search_result.



Think you may have been exposed to too much noise and are experiencing hearing loss? Visit www.healthyhearing.com/hearing-aids to find a local hearing center where you can have your hearing tested.

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HLA-NJ News and Views

A Monthly Column from The Hearing Loss Association of NJ

By Peter Yerkes, Trustee, HLA-NJ

HLAA Convention In Providence, R.I. Offers Learning, New Friends and Fun June 21-June 24, 2012



Providence, R.I. is the place to be this June for everyone who has hearing loss or who is committed to helping people with the “invisible disability.” From Thursday, June 21, to Sunday, June 24, the Hearing Loss Association of America will host its annual event: Convention 2012. Hundreds of people from across the country will gather in a historic colonial city to learn about the latest technologies to help people with hearing loss, to make new friends and renew old friendship and to have fun in an environment where all events are fully accessible to people with hearing loss.

After a productive day of lectures, workshops and visiting the demonstration center, enjoy a magic show and see WaterFire, a nighttime display which lights the banks of the night with a hundred bonfires just above the surface of Providence’s three rivers. Walk through neighborhoods of elegant colonial buildings, and explore Providence’s “Little Italy,” where restaurants offer everything from up-scale dining inspired by top chefs in Italy to some of the best cannoli in the country.

For many members of the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, the HLAA annual convention is not to be missed. I asked some of them to explain why:

Learn - HLA-NJ member Joleen



Marsillo notes that for people who live with hearing loss, “It’s easy to think we know it all.” But, she says, “Every time I attend, there is something new. Sometimes just one ‘discovery’ makes the whole trip worthwhile.” The 2012 convention offers a research symposium with top-flight professionals from Johns Hopkins University. They will discuss the latest research on topics such as hearing in noise, music perception, and hearing and aging.

Throughout the weekend, from Thursday through Saturday, small group workshops will explore topics that affect everyone with hearing loss, whether they use cochlear implants, hearing aids or assistive technology such as FM. There will be special tracks for advocacy, and for relationships and communication. Subjects range from large area listening systems, Medicare and insurance issues, and bringing CART to your community to improving communication with family and friends. An exhibit hall offers a valuable opportunity to get hands-on experience with new technologies, such as captioned telephones, new technologies for hearing in noise and assistive listening devices.

Former HLA-NJ president Arlene Romoff says that knowledge gained in the workshops can be “literally life-changing.” Of HLAA conventions, she says, “That’s where I tracked the

progress of cochlear implants, and knew that eventually I would need them.”

To HLA-NJ member Pat Dobbs, “The demo center [exhibit hall] is wonderful because everything is right there in front of you, rather than having to look at pictures. It’s easier to figure out what’s right for you.”

Meet New People, Renew Old Friendships

- In the supportive convention atmosphere, where it’s OK not to hear well, it’s easy to strike up new relationships. HLA-NJ member Carol Granaldi says, “Some of us have been attending the conventions since they began back in the 1980’s. The HLAA conventions are truly a great place to get ‘charged up’ with educational workshops, social events and sightseeing places we’d not been to before. We all like to talk shop by sharing stories about our listening equipment.” Rosemarie Kasper offers this: “At a convention a while back, I knew the president of the Australia hearing association, Libby Harricks, would be attending. As I had a couple of friends there, I hoped that somehow I could meet her. While looking at exhibits, guess who appeared next to me? Yes, Libby herself, and we became very good friends until she passed away a couple of years later.”

Registration Is Easy - Just go to www.hearingloss.org to register online, or download a printed form for mailing. At the Web site, you can see

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NJ Deaf Senior Housing - Update

By Jane Cyran, Ph.D,
Secretary

The Executive Board of the NJ Deaf Senior Housing Committee met on March 10 to discuss how recent events at the Arizona Deaf Senior Housing, Apache ASL Trails, might affect plans for NJ. Erich Schwenker, President of Cardinal Capital Management, flew in from Wisconsin to meet with our NJ Committee. CCM put together financing, bought property, built and now manages two Senior Citizen Housing developments that were designed for and have primarily Deaf residents.

Also attending were John Dickinson, a Deaf Architect who consulted on appropriate architectural plans for these two beautiful buildings in Wisconsin and Arizona. His wife, Janet Dickinson, Superintendent of Fanwood School for the Deaf in NY also attended. Erich, John and Janet all had excellent ideas on how to help the NJ project move forward.



From left: John Dickinson (Architect), Janet Dickinson (Superintendent of Fanwood School for the Deaf in NY), Lila Taylor (Chairperson), Erich Schwenker (President of Cardinal Capital Management, Inc.), Lucinda Brooks (Co-Chair & Planning Chair), Asha Wilkens (Public Relations Representative), Jane Cyran, Ph.D. (Secretary), Rose Pizzo (Liaison for Bergen County Deaf Senior), Susan Mooney (Guest)

staffed by nurses who know ASL. Also in the building is an office of The Valley Services for the Deaf. Naturally, many Deaf, Deaf/Blind and hard of hearing persons applied to live there. Apache ASL Trails accepts all applications from all income qualified persons. Hearing persons live within Apache and enjoy it. The majority of applicants were Deaf and they are given a preference to rent in Apache ASL Trails. The building is about 90% Deaf, Deaf/Blind, hard of hearing.

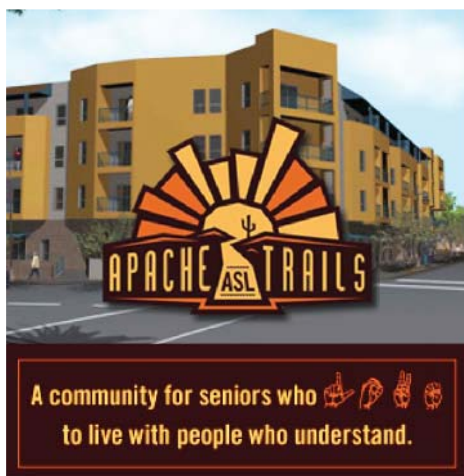
However, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has raised several issues for Apache ASL Trails and CCM because of this preference for the Deaf. The problems

in Arizona are so serious that CCM feels it is not possible to build in NJ until the problem is solved. HUD has not actually charged Apache with discrimination, however, Phoenix based HUD representatives financially undermined Apache over the last two years by telling Tempe Housing Services, Arizona Department of Housing, and the Arizona Attorney General that Apache ASL Trails is under a cloud, is illegal, there will be a finding against it. HUD Phoenix officials told these agencies Apache ASL Trails violates Fair Housing law because it

shows preference to Deaf, Deaf/Blind or hard of hearing persons who would benefit from its amenities.

HUD officials directed Tempe, Arizona Housing Services last October to order an 83 year old Deaf man with a portable housing voucher to leave Apache in 30 days or lose his voucher because to live with other Deaf persons is segregation and against the law. Eventually, HUD backed off a little bit by telling Tempe they could let him live at Apache "at their own risk" of eventual ramifications of Tempe by HUD. CCM is helping several very low income Deaf tenants who cannot get Section 8 vouchers because of HUD

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Apache ASL Trails is not exclusively for Deaf, Deaf/Blind and hard of hearing, but it was designed to benefit Deaf occupants. A significant investment, about \$20,000 per unit, such as flashing lighted alarms in each room of each unit, video entrance units, ceiling loops for hearing aids in meeting rooms, etc. was made to benefit Deaf, Deaf/Blind and hard of hearing. The building has a hair salon owned by a woman who signs. A medical office in the building is

HLAA Covention *continued*

the full schedule for the convention; learn how to use the mobile convention app available this year to download information to your smartphone or iPad. You also can find out about scholarships for the convention. The host hotel is the Westin Providence, One Exchange Street, in downtown Providence. All events are at the Rhode Island Convention Center, connected by a sky bridge to the hotel. At the Web site, you also can take out a membership in HLAA, which entitles you to the group's bimonthly magazine Hearing Loss.

See You In Providence - Pat Dobbs sums up the advantages of attending: "It's wonderful meeting people that truly understand the challenges of hearing because they have those same challenges. It is a place to learn about different solutions and get different ideas. It's a place of compassion and understanding. Plus it's FUN!"

To learn more about HLA-NJ, please contact Arlene Romoff at info@hearingloss-nj.org. We also invite you to attend one of our local chapter meetings in Bergen, Monmouth/Ocean or Middlesex County, and our newest Morris County chapter. Dates, places and times for chapter meetings are available at www.hearingloss-nj.org.



Neptune Celebrates Deaf Awareness Day

The Neptune Township Regional Deaf Education Program celebrated its second annual Deaf Awareness Day, on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. The event was held at Summerfield Elementary School. Hearing and deaf students were treated to a performance by the Little Theater for the Deaf. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The hearing students learned some sign language during the show. Many of the teachers will continue to expose their students to sign language throughout the year.

Parents of the deaf and hard of hearing students were invited to attend the program. Following the performance, the parents attended a panel that included two high school seniors in our Deaf Education program, two former students, and Jason Weiland from the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. One of the former students was Michael Lawson who now is a Teacher of the Deaf at Neptune Middle School. They shared background information and educational experiences with the parents. The parents were able to ask questions and found this session especially helpful.

The day concluded with a video phone presentation by Jody Kulchinsky of Sorenson. This was attended by the fourth and fifth grades and all Deaf Education students. Students were given information to take home to their parents.

High School Student Honored

Marissa DiDonna, a Junior at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights (www.NJDeafProgram.com), has been accepted to attend the prestigious National Association of the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp (NAD YLC). Every year the NAD YLC selects just 68 deaf and hard of hearing high school students from across the nation to attend its four week camp session in Oregon.

While at the camp this summer, Marissa will have the opportunity to participate in many exciting activities geared towards expanding her scholarship, leadership and citizenship skills. She also will be able to make many positive contributions to the Youth Leadership Camp through the various roles she will assume throughout the camp session.

Congratulations to Marissa on this honor.



New DHS Deputy Commissioner *continued*

been enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP). Previous to his function in the Governor's Office, Mr. Arye was Executive Director with the Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD). At that time, he and his Board advocated with the Department for increased community placement and supportive service opportunities for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

"I'm honored and incredibly eager to be a part of this important reform process," said Arye. "It really feels like my policy work in the Governor's Office and each of my prior career steps has led me to this assignment. It's an incredible opportunity to help shape and implement the future of senior supports and services in the state."

Preceding his work with ABCD, Mr. Arye was employed with the US House of Representatives, Select Committee on Aging and in the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). He served in various roles with the Subcommittee on Retirement Income and Employment, in the Office of the Secretary at DHHS, at the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Center for Health Policy at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, he was elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance and has spoken at national and regional conferences on aging and disabilities since 1984.

Mr. Arye holds a Masters in Science in Social Administration with a specialization in gerontology from Case Western Reserve University, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences in Cleveland, Ohio and a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio.

Deaf Senior Housing *continued*

objections to the preference for Deaf residents.

Apache ASL Trails is going through a Compliance Review from HUD that started in January and probably will end next month. CCM has hired legal experts to prepare documents to send to HUD to keep the preference for Deaf residents for Apache ASL Trails. Dr. Angel Ramos, the new Superintendent of Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf in Trenton, sent a signed statement to HUD supporting Apache ASL Trails preference for the Deaf. Dr. Ramos also worked with the Arizona group during the building of their senior housing. The Deaf community and CCM is fighting for the right for Apache ASL Trails to show preference for Deaf persons when a Deaf person is on the waiting list, but is behind someone who is not Deaf. They are fighting for the right for Deaf persons to live together when as individuals they feel that is the best housing solution for them.

The NJ Deaf Senior Housing Committee supports the effort to build senior housing that has a preference for the people in our Deaf, Deaf Blind, late-deafened and hard of hearing community in a building that provides specialized equipment and services to benefit this group.

9th Annual Celebration of Deaf History, Culture and Language



LaGuardia Community College
31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101

Program for Deaf Adults May 4, 2012
The following events are free!



Workshop

"Non-Verbal Communication: Image of Body Language" with Michelle A. Banks

Learn how to better communicate and interpret using your body, face and gestures without spoken words and signs. Enhance your expressive and receptive skills through a variety of activities using physical components. Designed for ASL students and beginning interpreter students. Conducted in ASL.

When: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: E-500 (5th floor of the E building)

"Reflections of a Black Deaf Woman"

Written and performed by Michelle A. Banks

This insightful work reveals the hardships and triumphs of two strong African-American women (Miz, a Deaf mother and Azealea, her Deaf daughter) that speak to the human condition and the search for love and understanding. A clever dance of drama and humor, this play beautifully illustrates the two characters' life experiences from the perspective of Black Deaf culture. Performed in ASL; English voice interpretation provided.

When: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Little Theater (1st floor of the M building — Shenker Hall)



> **Michelle A. Banks**, a native of Washington, DC, is an award-winning actress, writer, director, producer, choreographer, motivational speaker, and teacher. She founded Onyx Theatre Company in New York City, the first Deaf theater company in the United States for people of color. Her other achievements include Program Coordinator for Deaf West Theatre's Professional Acting Summer School, Sign Master for Arena Stage, Broadway, and Centerstage. Currently, she is a Residential Educator at Model Secondary School for the Deaf and also works for Quest for Arts as Company Manager.

> **Russell Kane** holds a Master's degree in Deaf Education from Gallaudet University and is the author of *Fighting the Long Sorrow: A Journey to Personhood*. He has served as a consultant for non-profit organizations, individuals, and Inc. 500 corporations and currently teaches ASL full-time at Nassau Community College in New York.

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Interview with Author Russell Kane

There is a monumental shift in how Deaf people are seen and heard as a result of 1988's Deaf President Now (DPN) Protest at Gallaudet University. In his novel, "Fighting the Long Sorrow: A Journey to Personhood", Russell Kane records how Theodore "Teddy" Fitzgerald undergoes a personal transformation during his experience as a student during DPN, as he battles personal demons and fights for a romantic interest. Interview by Paul Carlson conducted in ASL; English voice interpretation provided. Book signing to follow.

When: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Little Theater (1st floor of the M building — Shenker Hall)

Voorhees Middle School Abilities Awareness Day

On Thursday March 8, 2012 Voorhees Middle School (VMS) hosted its third annual Abilities Awareness Day. Approximately four hundred sixth graders were exposed to and had the opportunity to participate in various activities, many of which attempted to simulate a specific disability.

In the main gym the students were assigned a disability, such as “Does not have use of LEFT arm,” and had to negotiate an obstacle course as such.

In the small gym information tables manned by several agencies and organizations were set up and groups of students rotated around the room so they had time at each table. Brain injury, autism, vision loss and hearing loss were represented.

Field Representative Traci Burton hosted the hearing loss table and demonstrated a few of the devices available for the deaf and hard of hearing. The bed shaker alert system was the overall favorite! DDHH participates in several annual school awareness events around the state.

If you are interested in hosting such an event and would like to have DDHH participate, please contact our field representatives Traci Burton and/or Jason Weiland at traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us, jason.weiland@dhs.state.nj.us or at 609-984-7281 V/TTY.



NJ Deaf Clubs and Meeting Locations

Club Name	Location	Contact Name	Contact info	Frequency	Day
Bergen County Senior Citizen	Midland Park	Rose Pizzo	rosevin52@aol.com	Every	Thursdays
Highland Park Seniors	Highland Park	Charlotte Karras	geocha7383@aol.com	2nd	Friday
Ocean County Deaf Seniors	Lakehurst	Charles Schmidt	rmur@aol.com	2nd	Thursday
South Jersey Deaf Senior Club	Westmont	Mary Chiarello	louandmary8@aol.com	2nd	Tuesday
Trenton Senior Citizens	Hamilton			1st	Sunday
Atlantic County Society f/t Deaf	Ventnor	Steve Klinger	shklinger7@gmail.com	Varies	
Diverse Deaf Club of Central NJ	North Brunswick	Jacqueline Ortolano	bwb40@optonline.net	1st	Saturday
North Jersey Community Ctr o/t Deaf	Lodi (varies at times)	Mike Drury	mikedrury46@gmail.com	Varies	www.njccdsite.org
Northwest Jersey Association f/t Deaf	Mountain Lakes	Lynne Jacob	president12@nwjad.org	Varies	www.nwjad.org
Ocean Deaf Club	Lakehurst	George Reid	oceandeafclub@yahoo.com	3rd	Saturday
Perth Amboy Catholic Deaf Club	Perth Amboy			Last	Sunday
South Jersey Club f/t Deaf	Westmont	Diane McCaffery	presofsdc@aol.com	2nd	Saturday
Trenton Silent Club	Hamilton	Bill Delaney	hen0069@aol.com	2nd	Saturday

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults - Garden State

Spring Workshop and Birthday Celebration

Saturday, May 5, 2012

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Catering Room, Woodland Commons Clubhouse

Cedar Crest Village

1 Cedar Crest Drive Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

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Visit us at: www.ALDA-GS.org



People First!



“Using antiquated, degrading terms to describe individuals with disabilities is an affront to the integrity of the person and their family, and below our common decency as a people.”

– Governor Chris Christie, Bill Signing Ceremony, Trenton, NJ, August 16, 2010

In August 2010, Governor Chris Christie signed legislation that removes outdated, disrespectful language referring to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities from all New Jersey statutes and regulations because **words matter**.

To assist the media and public in using appropriate terminology for individuals with disabilities, the NJ Departments of Human Services and Children and Families have compiled the following helpful tips.

Three Things to Remember:

- **Only reference** a person’s disability if it is relevant to the conversation.
- **Always use** *People First* language whenever referring to people’s disability.
- **Avoid using** *suffers with, a victim of, or afflicted with* when discussing someone’s disability.

Phrases Not to Use	People First Language
the handicapped or the disabled	people with disabilities
the mentally retarded or retarded	people with intellectual or developmental disabilities
birth defect	has a congenital disability
wheelchair bound or confined to a wheelchair	uses a wheelchair or a mobility device
crippled or lame	has a physical disability
s/he is brain injured	is a survivor of brain injury or sustained a brain injury
dwarf or midget	has short stature or is a little person
mute	requires or needs communication assistance
is learning disabled	has a learning disability
suffers from or victim of	person who has ...
emotionally disturbed, crazy or lunatic	has a mental illness
normal or healthy	a person without a disability
quadriplegic or paraplegic	has quadriplegia or paraplegia
s/he is in special ed	receives special ed services
handicapped parking or handicapped restroom	accessible parking or restroom
person is high or low functioning	has low or high support needs



Program for Deaf Adults

LaGuardia Community College



Announcement from GED Bridge to College for Deaf Adults Program Starting in 2014, the GED exam will change!



The new computer-based GED test will assess high school equivalency and career and college readiness, and will be computer-based.

Important:

- * Test scores on the current GED exam will expire when the new test begins in 2014. This means that if you have passed some but not all five GED subtests, your test scores will not be valid after 2014, and you will have to retake the entire test.

How to earn your GED before the new test starts:

- * The Program for Deaf Adults (PDA) offers a GED program in which you can study and prepare for the exam.
- * PDA works with LaGuardia's GED Testing Center, which is certified to provide testing accommodations. (Deaf and hard-of-hearing candidates usually take the GED test at LaGuardia in June and November.)
- * If you are planning to take the GED exam for the first time, you must fill out a testing application and request for testing accommodations form, including supporting documentation. The packet must be submitted at least 3 months in advance of the test (by March 30th for the June 2012 test).
- * If you already passed some GED subtests, you should take the remaining tests as soon as possible at LaGuardia. Bring your official GED transcript as proof.



Make this your year to earn the diploma!

View FAQs about the GED 21st Century Initiative at:
www.gedcbt.org/gedts/21stcenturyfaq.html

Have questions or need more information?

Contact Paul Carlson at: pcarlson@lagcc.cuny.edu
or (917) 832-1138
VP/voice, or visit the PDA website at:
www.laguardia.edu/pda



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Change of Contact Form

DDHH is updating **Organizations Serving People with Hearing Loss in New Jersey**. If you or your organization has information in this booklet that needs to be updated, please submit the correction on this form to: **DDHH Organization Booklet, PO Box 074, Trenton, NJ 08625**; or **FAX to 609-984-0390**, or e-mail: **patricia.long@dhs.state.nj.us** or call **609-984-7281**. If your organization is not listed and wishes to be included, feel free to submit the form as well. If we have already contacted and received info from your organization, there is no need to submit this form.



Name of Organization _____

Address _____

Contact Name _____

Voice Phone Number _____ TTY Number _____

Video Phone Number _____ FAX Number _____

E-mail address _____

Web site address _____

Short Description _____

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New Jersey American Sign Language Teacher Association (NJASLTA)
Presents

Michael Kaufer

“iPads and Macs: Technology to Make Your ASL Instruction CHAMP!”

A New Jersey native, Michael is a sixth grade math teacher at PS 347 The ASL and English Lower School in Manhattan. He loves using technology (especially Apple technology!) to enrich his students' learning of ASL. He graduated from Gallaudet University with a BA in Psychology and NYU with a MA in Deafness Rehabilitation and loves using technology (especially iPads!) to enrich his students' learning of ASL as a first language. Michael will be demonstrating new technology tools to enhance your ASL and/or Deaf Education instruction. Create and manage an online library of ASL literature. Provide real-time feedback in ASL for students' videos. Encourage a synchronous ASL conversations among students and teachers.

NOTE: Please bring Mac laptop if you have.

Saturday May 5, 2012

**New Jersey School for the Deaf (MKSD), Clock Tower Building,
320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, New Jersey**

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (General Meeting)

\$30 Admission Fee

There will be no voice interpreters. Bring your own lunch. Please pay to:

NJASLTA, 52 Heritage Court, Towaco, NJ 07082-1262.

The deadline is **April 27**. Contact Lynne Jacob at: NJASLTA@aol.com.

Open Captioned Performance

WEST SIDE STORY

Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m.

“Electrifying, propulsive, powerful, thrilling, tremendously moving and more exquisite than ever. This masterwork has been given the revival it deserves...”
- Variety

More than fifty years ago, a show about gang life in New York City changed musical theater forever—and now it's making history again with this tour of the acclaimed 2009 Broadway revival. From the first note to the final breath, West Side Story is one of the greatest love stories of all time.

Tickets: \$29–\$126

For more information, call:

1-888-GO-NJPAC (1-888-466-5722) or visit us online at njpac.org



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Broad Street Methodist Church
36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, New Jersey

■ **May 4, 5, 11, 12, *18 and 19 – 8 p.m.**
■ **May 6, 13 and 20 – 3 p.m.**

Tickets: \$20

Group rates available for groups of 20 or more.

Dinner theater package available for \$45 a person includes dinner at **Café Gallery** restaurant.

For tickets or more information please call
(856) 303-7620
or visit: www.bridgeplayerstheatre.com

The performance on **Friday, May 18** will be sign interpreted.

Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) will be available May 18, 19 and 20.

Program by Audio will be available upon request for all performances.

Persons in need of special accommodations are requested to give two weeks advance notification.



Funding is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts from a grant to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



First Annual Car & Motorcycle Show

hosted by
Eastern Automobile & Motorcycle Club of the Deaf

Saturday, May 12, 2012
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

American Legion Post #147
1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
(Rain date to be announced later)

Cars, trucks, motorcycles - any year, make and model.
Show field limited to 100 vehicles.

Trophies - Dash Plaques - Door Prizes - 50/50 Drawings.
Awards presentation at 3:00 p.m.

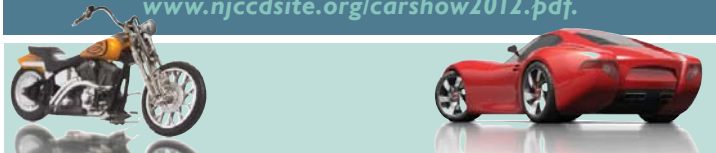
All-Day/Night COMBO admission price for fans - \$ 15 including the night admission to "Surprise Box Affair" - (similar to Punch for Money) hosted by

Board of North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m..

Texas Hold'Em Poker Night will be held, too.

For more information or directions,

www.njccdsite.org/carshow2012.pdf.



Diverse Deaf Club of New Jersey, Inc.

Computerized DINGO

and

Fun Activity with Prizes by NJ Relay



Saturday, May 5

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
1740 Route 130, North Brunswick NJ

Everyone is welcome!

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Refreshment will be provided.

6-7 p.m. NJ Relay presentation

7:30 p.m. Computerized DINGO

Any questions, contact President Jackie at
DDCN7Pres@optonline.net

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NE Philly ASL

Summer Bowling League

NE Philly ASL



The league is open to deaf, hard of hearing, hearing sign language students and anyone wishing to learn to sign. A fun time for everyone and for a good cause. All prize money will be donated to a charitable cause within the deaf community. The beneficiary will be decided on **May 24 at 6:00 p.m.** by a majority vote of league members in attendance at the league meeting. Send ideas for potential beneficiaries to **Rich Stewart: rwstewart35@yahoo.com**

Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Handicapped (makes it fair for all)
3 bowlers per team
Only \$15 per week for signers

A \$5 donation will be requested for permission to speak with voice each week.

Starts May 24 - Meeting at 6 p.m.
Brunswick Zone XL
100 E. Street Rd.
Feasterville, PA 19053
215-322-7755

For more information contact Richard Stewart at rwstewart35@yahoo.com or visit the NE Philadelphia Sign Language Meet-Up Group's website at: www.meetup.com/NE-Philadelphia-Sign-Language-Meetup-Group

Open Captioned Performance

My Wonderful Day
by Alan Ayckbourn

Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 3 p.m.

Winnie Barstairs, a nearly 9-year-old, Anglo-Caribbean girl from south London, is spending the day with her mother, a house cleaner who works for a rich, unhappily married, minor television celebrity. Winnie sits quietly working on her school assignment, as an increasingly frenetic domestic farce of marital infidelity, volcanic egos, and comic misunderstandings erupts around her.



Two River Theater
21 Bridge Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701



Tickets are \$15 per person for those using this service.

For more information, contact Michele Klinsky at mklinsky@trtc.org or (732) 345-1400, x1808

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Morris County Chapter Hearing Loss Association of NJ

*Our goal is to empower those
with a hearing loss.*



Saturday May 12, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meeting

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Social Time/Questions

Madison YMCA

**111 Kings Road
Madison, NJ**

Problems hearing in a group? Don't worry-
Assisted Listening Devices are provided.
Captioning is provided.

For a limited time, the CaptionCall phone
is being offered for free. Go to:

www.HearingLossResourceCenter.com
and click on **FREE CAPTIONED PHONE**

Questions?

Call **Pat Dobbs** at (973) 479-8083 or visit Pat's
Blog at www.HearingLossResourceCenter.com

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Ocean City High School ASL Performers

Friday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.
 Ocean City High School Auditorium
 501 Atlantic Avenue
 Ocean City, NJ 08226

Show will include a comedy show by famous ASL comedian, Keith Wann as well as songs signed and presented by the Ocean City High School ASL Performers.
 A reception to follow in the school cafeteria.

New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing Committee

Proudly Hosts

Second Fundraising Picnic Sunday, July 1, 2012 - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Silas Condict County Park
 100 Kinnelon Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405
 Rain or Shine

Activities: Paddle boat, volleyball, card games, and more.
 Food and drinks will be catered.

Homemade cake will be provided by *Red Hats Ladies*
 All are welcome - All ages, including interpreter students

Chairpersons: Lila Taylor and Lucinda Brooks

Adults - \$20
 Children (5-12) - \$5

Volunteers needed! Please email Lucinda at NJDSH.CoChair@gmail.com



✂ Please RSVP by June 25, 2012 Make check or money order payable to: NJAD-Deaf Senior Housing
 Mail to: NJAD-NJ Deaf Senior Housing, PO Box 212, Millburn, NJ 07041

Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____



ORDER TICKETS

Adults: _____ x \$ 20 = \$ _____
 Children: _____ x \$ 5 = \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

Communicator Signboard

Join Us at

Happy Hands Camp 2012

The camp will be located at Gloucester County
Institute of Technology (Sewell, NJ).

For children ages 4 to 12 who are Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing,
CODAs (Children of Deaf Adults), and Siblings of Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing

July 9 - August 9 (Monday-Thursday)

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Application Fee.....\$ 10 (must be included with registration)

Summer 2012 Daily Rate.....\$ 50/Day

Summer 2012 - 4 Days/Week.....\$138/Week

Summer 2012 - Full 5 Weeks.....\$653/Full Session

Info: Lorie Cross-Jones, Teacher of the Deaf at: HappyHandsgcsssd@comcast.net

Program Administrators: Mary Hilley - mhilley@gcsssd.org

and Sandy Evans - sevans@gcsssd.org

Deaf Golf Association 23rd Annual New Jersey Deaf Golf Tournament

June 2 and June 3

Two day golf tournament

Neshanic Valley Golf Course
Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

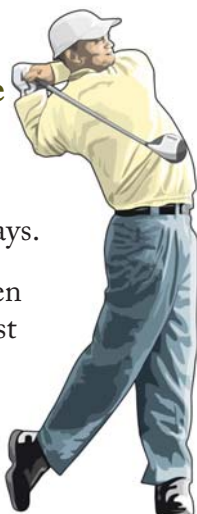
Tee time: 11:00 a.m. on both days
Please be there at 10:00 a.m. on both days.

Golfers package included two day green
fees and cart, prizes, contest for longest
drive and closest to pin, and
membership dues

Cost \$210

Deadline: May 21, 2012

For more information - www.deafgolf.org
or contact Richard Sarkisian at: rhsark@aol.com



North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
proudly presents

BINGO AFFAIR

Elmwood Park VFW Post 5084

6 Veterans Place

Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Saturday, June 9, 2012

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Game will start at 3 p.m. sharp!

Donations in Advance - Member \$ 15, Non-Member \$ 18, and
Student with ID \$ 10* **At Door** on June 9 - member \$ 20, non-
member \$ 20 and student with ID \$ 15*.

*** required to bring your valid college student ID year
2011-2012 card**

\$ 1,000 in CASH given away based on 100 people attending.
Refreshments on sale, 50/50 drawings

To order tickets in advance, please visit our NJCCD Web site at
www.njccdsite.org/junebingo12r.pdf and print the ticket order
coupon before mailing with your payment to: **John Rivera, 803
Rellim Drive, Old Bridge, NJ 08857** before the deadline of
June 4, 2012.

Chairman Leonard Amato and the Committees

Religious Access



The Jewish Deaf Resource Center (JDRC) is proud to announce that the Shabbat of May 5, 2012, is being recognized as Jewish Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Shabbat. The JDRC builds bridges between Jews who are deaf and hard of hearing and the organizations that serve the Jewish community throughout North America. The goal of this Shabbat is to raise awareness about including individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, as well as their families and friends within the wider Jewish community. JDRC's President, Alexis Kashar, added, "We strongly believe the Torah reminds us of the importance of being sensitive to all individuals. When one family member is denied access to the wider Jewish community, the whole family is often without access to Jewish communal life for generations."

This inaugural national program, initiated by JDRC, has the support of the greater Jewish community including the:

- Rabbinical Assembly (RA),
- Union of Reform Judaism (URJ)
- Rabbinical Council of America (RCA)
- Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association (RRA)
- Academy of Jewish Religion (AJR)
- UJA-Federation of New York and
- Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)

This particular Shabbat was chosen because on that day our Torah reading includes Parshat Kedoshim, which says "Do not insult the deaf...." JDRC is encouraging rabbis across denominations to devote their sermons on May 5th to a discussion about this commandment, to specifically address what this means to them, and to discuss why they believe Torah uses this example to teach us how to become holy. Several of the organizations are reaching out to their rabbinic leaders so they can write sample sermons in advance and disseminate them among their colleagues. Rabbi Goldin, the president of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) added, "We must do everything we can to grant full access to all individuals in our synagogues, schools and community centers. This entails not only the creation of physical accommodations within our institutions but



programmatic accommodations as well."

The timing of this Shabbat is particularly significant to the Conservative Movement as it marks the one year anniversary of the unanimous passing by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) of their Rabbinic Response, "The Status of the Heresh and of Sign Language." Rabbi Julie Schonfeld, Executive Vice President of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) said, "Our Judaism is one of inclusion and I am proud that the Law Committee has found a way to enable more members of our community to have access to and to take part in lives of Torah and Mitzvot."



Jeff Schoenfeld, Chair of the Caring Commission of UJA-Federation of New York, said he is proud to support JDRC's efforts. "The advocacy work of this organization has significantly helped to raise awareness regarding the needs of the Jewish Deaf community, and played an integral role in building a more inclusive and welcoming Jewish community for everyone."

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, Incoming President of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ), added, "The circle of God's love leaves no one out, but too often our Jewish community has shut its hearts and doors to those with special needs. May our communities speedily and soon follow God's lead as we remove the barriers that still keep too many outside our sacred embrace. Practicing inclusion is a Mitzvah—a sacred obligation."

"The Jewish Federations are deeply grateful to the JDRC and key partners like UJA-Federation of New York for their important leadership on this critical issue," said JFNA President and CEO Jerry Silverman. "We echo the call to rabbis and Jewish leaders to help remind us of the sacred importance of embracing the deaf and hard-of-hearing, their families and friends in our community."

Submitted by: JDRC Co-Founder & Executive Director
Naomi Brunnlehrman, MA
www.jdrc.org naomijb@aol.com
 917-705-8941

Religious Access

**Religious Services Interpreted for the Deaf at
Grace Lutheran Church and St Matthew's Church for the Deaf
2222 Vauxhall Road, Union NJ.**

May Schedule:

- Saturday, May 5:** Flea Market. Please contact Pastor Brand for costs of table and availability. Rain Date is **Saturday, May 12**
- Sunday, May 6:** Interpreted Bible Study following 10:30 a.m. worship service. Lunch is not provided; please bring your own.
- Sunday, May 13:** Mother's Day breakfast in between the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. If attending, please contact the church office so we know how many people to prepare for. A "free will" offering is accepted.
- Thursday, May 17:** Ascension Thursday service at 7:30 p.m.

Our regular worship services are interpreted for the Deaf at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday, with Communion service on the first and third Sunday's of the month. All of our services are now videotaped. These services will be available to view two days after the church service is done. Log on to our church Web site; you will see Pastor and the interpreter on two separate pictures. Click on the video and the entire service is there for you to view.

Contact us at **908-686-3965** Voice; **908-851-2004** TTY; or gracelu4u@yahoo.com.
Visit www.gracelutherannj.org for upcoming events such as our next interpreted dinner theatre!



Bethel Baptist Church Drama Performance for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

This spring, **Bethel Baptist Church in Cherry Hill, NJ** will celebrate 22 years of performing biblical based dramas. Representing both the Old and New Testaments, we have attempted to glimpse into the lives of people who lived thousands of years ago.

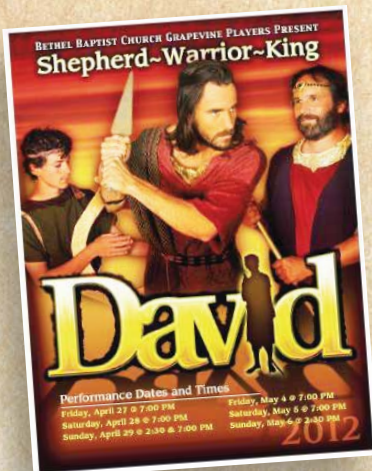
Our original productions are performed on a huge stage in our Family Center with a cast of more than 60 of our Grapevine Players performing with, innovative lighting effects, dancing, magnificent sets, live animals, and costuming by a Broadway designer.

On **May 4, 5 & 6**, we will perform the story of David, the shepherd boy who defeated the giant Goliath. You will experience the life of the warrior who defeated great armies and united both the northern and southern tribes into one mighty nation. David's life is filled with intrigue, passion, deceit and fear as well as faith, hope and courage. David...the shepherd boy who became King of Israel and one of the greatest kings the world has ever known.

We are pleased to announce that our Friday, May 4 performance at 7:00 PM will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Tickets are available for purchase (\$12/each) on our website at www.bethelonline.org. Be sure to note in the comments sections of the order form that you would like to be seated in the section reserved for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Bethel Baptist Church Family Center is located at 1721 Springdale Road in Cherry Hill, NJ ~ **856-424-2331**.



Religious Access



ASL-Interpreted Service Jewish Deaf/Hard of Hearing Awareness Shabbat

We're thrilled to announce another sign language interpreted service on what will be marked all over the country as Jewish Deaf/Hard of Hearing Awareness Shabbat, and hope that you can join us. For more information, see www.jdrc.org/JDRCMay5.pdf.

It will include a service with full readings from the Torah, and a special verse about not "insulting" Deaf people, and Haftorah (Prophets) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at Town & Village (T&V) Synagogue (www.tandv.org), 334 East 14th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues in Manhattan with Cathy Markland, Christopher Tester & Bram Weiser. It is supported by the UJA-Federation of New York's Jewish Community Deaf Interpreter Fund. A Kiddush (refreshments and social hour) will follow services, and all are welcome to participate.

We are also also trying to arrange a special session of "Ask the Cantor" shortly thereafter!

(Please note: Out of respect for Shabbat, pen, paper and electronic devices cannot be used at T&V on Saturday morning.)

Plans are being made to interpret a presentation by a guest speaker at T&V on Sunday, May 13. Coming soon is a "mini-course" in American Sign Language; other ASL-interpreted Services; and more. ASL interpreters are available at T&V when requests are made in advance.

Contact Bram at bramweiser@usa.net or (212) 677-0368 for more information.



Deaf Retreat Weekend with Fr. Mike Depcik

...a Deaf Priest from Archdiocese of Detroit, Michigan

He was ordained in 2000 and ministered with our Deaf communities for the last 11 years.

His topic will be "God's Chatroom."

Come and meet Fr. Mike on
Friday, June 8, to Sunday, June 10, 2012
(7 p.m. Friday to noon Sunday) at
Maris Stella Retreat and Conference Center
7201 Long Beach Boulevard
Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008

www.marisstella.org.

For more info contact:

Kate Slosar at mwdkate@aol.com or
Sr. Bonnie McMenamin at
bmcmenamin@camdendiocese.org
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Calendar of Events 2012

Saturday, June 9

NJ Division of the
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
28th Annual Deaf and
Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day
Six Flags Great Adventure
Jackson, New Jersey

Ticket info: GATickets@aol.com

Friday, July 20

NJSD/MKSD
Alumni Association
Trenton Thunder Baseball
7:05 p.m.

For more information:
Contact Heidi at:
H22Schumacher@gmail.com



DDHH Regular Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Days Closed: Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day