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The Annual Luski Community Concert

Among the most beloved and gifted interpreters of Yiddish Music, Eleanor Reissa presents moving treasures from the luscious world of Yiddish song with a depth and style that has garnered rave reviews throughout the world.

She is the daughter of holocaust survivors, a director, playwright, choreographer, actor, and singer working in English and in Yiddish.

This past spring Ms. Reissa performed her new cabaret show at New York's Metropolitan Room - Eleanor Reissa Sings English.

She has appeared as an actress, on Broadway and off, in *Those Were The Days*, *Conversations with My Father*, and most recently, the title role in *Yentl*.

She was the artistic director of the Folksbiene Theatre for five years producing and directing *An American Family*, *A Klezmer's Tale*, and her own play, *Zise Khaloymes (Sweet Dreams)*.

As a playwright, her first play, *The Last Survivor* premiered at Chicago's Northlight Theatre.

She has recorded two CDs,



Eleanor Reissa

Going Home: Gems of Yiddish Song and her latest CD *Songs in the Key of Yiddish*.

Her accompanist will be Patrick Farrell, Accordionist, Pianist. Patrick Farrell leads his own group, Stagger Back Brass Band, playing original brass circus music, and is a member of new-music chamber ensemble Ljova and the Kontraband, Russian and Romanian Roma-

music band Romashka, Michael Winograd's Klezmer Trio and Serbian-style brass band Veveritse. ☆

ANNUAL LUSKI CONCERT

Sunday
November 6
7 PM
Temple Israel
FREE

Shalom Park Leadership Initiative

By Todd Gorelick, Rich Osborne, and Eric Sklut

Twenty-five years ago, the creation of Shalom Park symbolized the fulfillment of a long-held dream of several visionary Jewish leaders in Charlotte. In the decades that followed, Shalom Park has evolved as a reflection of the ever-changing and growing Charlotte Jewish community. The variety of agencies, breadth of services, and energizing vibrancy associated with Shalom Park today is the direct result of the passion, hard work, and sacrifices of a core group of visionary leaders who dreamed of a place where Charlotte's Jews could come

SHALOM PARK LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

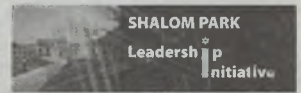
Sunday, November 13
9:30 AM
Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts

together to celebrate, educate, and engage as a community.

As we look to our future, we are proud of all that has been accomplished, and we marvel at the success embodied by Shalom Park. Our community continues to grow and thrive, embracing new and innovative opportunities for our

future. As we focus on the future, let us not lose sight of our past and the wisdom and spirit of our founders.

Please join us for an interactive presentation that shares the story and vision of Shalom Park, through the eyes of those who helped create it more than 20 years ago. Together we will connect the stories of the past to the spirit of Shalom Park today: Sunday, November 13, 9:30 AM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts. ☆



Camp Barney Medintz Sets Open House in Charlotte

Camp Barney Medintz, summer resident camp of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, will present their annual new musical slide production and dessert reception in Charlotte on Thursday, November 3, at the Levine Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, beginning at 7 PM. Jim Mittenthal, Camp Director, will meet with new and returning families, answer questions pertaining to the 2012 summer camp season, and provide applications for registration.

Camp Barney Medintz is located in the North Georgia Blue Ridge mountains on over 500 wooded acres surrounding two lakes just 75 miles NE of Atlanta. According to Mr. Mittenthal, the setting facilitates "every imaginable activity," including water skiing, swimming, sailing, canoeing, the "Iceberg," the "Rave" water trampoline, leaping off the "Blob" or soaring down the 180-foot "Hurricane" water slide, horseback riding, campouts, "zipping" over 1000 feet across Lake Wendy, whitewater rafting, tennis, all land/court sports, theater, crafts, music, Israeli culture, dance, radio, video, newspaper, mountain biking, climbing the adjacent Appalachian Trail and a series of high-adventure rock climbing, rappelling and ropes courses. Specific age groups may also enjoy fencing, karate, ceramics or scuba diving.

"Camp Barney," celebrating its 50th summer season, has created



All these kids from Charlotte have a great time at Camp Barney in the summer.

facility. Recent additions include a major cultural and performing arts complex, an exciting new sports complex and "Food Network"-type camper kitchen, and the brand new Marcus Health Center.

Inquiries about the 2012 summer season

"a unique community that is all about adventure and self discovery, exhilarating activities and exciting events, being in a strong culturally Jewish environment with special friends, all under the supervision of a carefully selected group of mature, talented, conscientious, loving, and enthusiastic staff," said Mr. Mittenthal.

Camp Barney annually develops new construction projects to improve its spectacular mountain

are again far exceeding previous years and each of the two- and four-week sessions is likely to fill to capacity very rapidly. For more information about Camp Barney programs, family camps, staff opportunities, or other CBM adventures, please call the camp office in Atlanta at 770-395-2554 or Karen Brooks, our Camp Barney Medintz Charlotte Parent Rep, at 704-301-1355. ☆

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