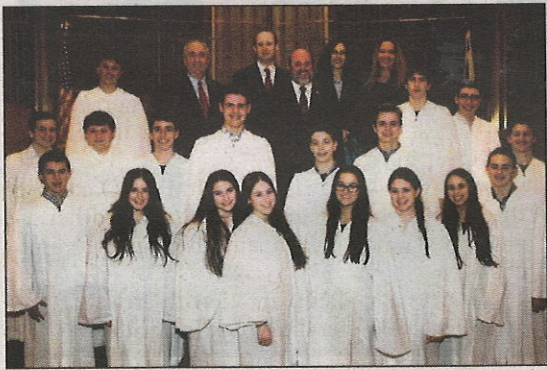


... of the butterfly as they watched the transformation from the small caterpillar state through metamorphosis. Releasing the adult butterflies soon after they emerged from their cocoons, are, from left, Alex Berger, Hannah Schlesinger, Ava Anapolle, Aviva Jacob, and Maddon Segall.



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – Members of the confirmation classes of Temple Beth Shalom, Livingston, including David Adelson, Eric Akelson, Noah Atlas, Benjamin Boxer, Dylan Davidson, Samantha Fern, Bradley Fetner, Abigail Hauptman, Joshua Katz, Jake Oshins, Robert Parker, Adam Parnes, Rylee Pernick, Jackson Rynar, Alexis Schaefer, Jenna Weiss, and Joshua Zymet, were confirmed during May 24 Shavuot services.

... History Honors class. In commemoration of Older Americans Month and Jewish American Heritage Month, the oral histories were presented to the residents, their families, and members of the community on May 1.



**EDUCATORS WORKSHOP** – Sixty early childhood and religious school educators recently attended a workshop sponsored by Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, South Orange, titled "We Teach Who We Are: The Impact of the Teacher's Personality on Class Chemistry." Speaker Rick Ellis, BA, M.Ed., center, discussed how educators' personalities affect teaching styles. TSTI's early childhood director Carol Paster, left, and religious school director Mindy Schreff brought the workshop to area educators through a grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation.

... and celebrated Nancy Fisher and Caren Ford for their combined 55 years of service to JVS. The Rubenstein Foundation has started a new fund which is a part of the JVS interest-free Scholarship Loan Program.



**LAG BA'OMER BBQ** – More than 200 people attended the joint annual family barbecue and bonfire arranged by Temple Beth Shalom and Congregation Adath Israel, to celebrate Lag Ba'Omer in honor of Rabbi Bar Yochai. The festivities concluded with the recitation of 12 Torah passages along with singing around the bonfire.



**WALKATHON** – Temple Shalom of West Essex, Cedar Grove, recently held a walkathon in recognition of the Cedar Grove Fire Department and Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad as part of the temple's 60th anniversary celebrations. Temple members raised more than \$2,000 to support these 100 percent volunteer organizations. Inset, Rabbi Laurence Groffman, left, and copresident Dr. Ed Gold present the walkathon proceeds to D. Giblin of the Cedar Grove Ambulance Squad.



**LAG BA'OMER FUN** – Members of Maplewood Jewish Center enjoyed a Lag Ba'Omer barbecue and family afternoon on May 7. In addition to a bonfire, barbecue, and live music, children played in a bounce house, inset.



**SILVER ANNIVERSARY** – Congregation Beth Israel of Plains, held a Silver Anniversary Shabbat and reception on May 8 in honor of members who have belonged to the synagogue for 25 years or more. About 150 congregants reached this milestone.

## Graduations

Danielle Johanna Krumholz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Krumholz of Florham Park, graduated from the law school of the University of Michigan with a JD degree.