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## January 17, 2017 Agency News and Events

### BARRY'S NEW BEST FRIEND

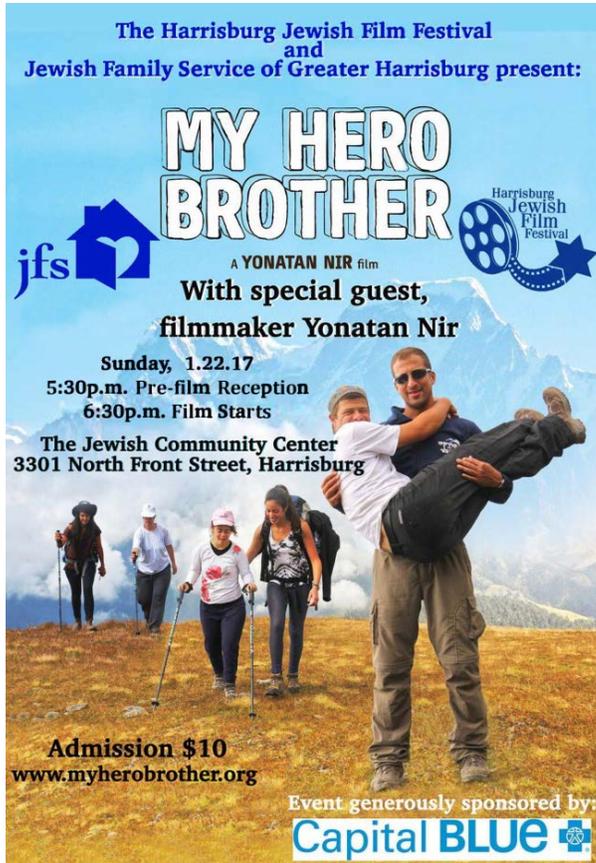


Rabbi Pewzner (Chabad), Barry Stein (JFS) and Governor Tom Wolff attended the Chanukah celebration at the Capitol.

Barry Stein and other community members gathered for the menorah lighting ceremony celebrating Chanukah at the State Capitol on Tuesday, December 27. There were hot latkes & sufganiyot, musical entertainment, fun activities for

kids, and more.

## DON'T MISS *MY HERO BROTHER* THIS SUNDAY!



The Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival  
and  
Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg present:

# MY HERO BROTHER

A YONATAN NIR film

With special guest,  
filmmaker Yonatan Nir

Sunday, 1.22.17  
5:30p.m. Pre-film Reception  
6:30p.m. Film Starts

The Jewish Community Center  
3301 North Front Street, Harrisburg

Admission \$10  
[www.myherobrother.org](http://www.myherobrother.org)

Event generously sponsored by:  
**Capital BLUE**

Don't miss this inspiring documentary, which follows a group of young Israelis with Down syndrome as they climb up a Himalayan mountain with their care-giver siblings.

This special event will include a pre-screening reception at 5:30pm. The film will begin at 6:30pm and will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker, Yonatan Nir. Tickets are \$10 each. Purchase tickets at the door or [here](#).

This event is being generously underwritten by Capital BlueCross, and ticket proceeds will help support JFS services.

For more information about the "My Hero Brother" project or the film, click [here](#).

## JEWISH GROUP HOMES

The Jewish Group Homes support adult members of our community with intellectual disabilities and autism who, through community efforts, can live a Jewish life and be part of the community.

Keystone Human Services operates the homes with Jewish Family Service providing training and consultation on the Jewish components of daily living. This includes kosher food oversight and training as well as coordinating celebrations of Shabbat and Jewish holidays. The Jewish Group Homes are committed to providing activities that integrate the residents into various JCC, synagogue and community programs.



Jonah enjoying a sunny day in his



Lori preparing for Tu B'Shevat.

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## **COSTUMES ARE ESSENTIAL TO PLAY THERAPY**

As a child, did you ever spend a rainy afternoon trying on old dresses and costume jewelry, grandmother's high heels, outgrown suit jackets and ties? In play therapy, dress-up can be lighthearted (fun for the fun of it!), or it can take on a whole new meaning. The playroom at JFS is filled with a wide variety of toys and activities - a sandbox with miniature items (people, animals, cars, fantasy figures, etc.), puppets, stuffed toys, dolls, a dollhouse, art materials, costumes, and construction toys.

Play is a child's language for emotional expression, and toys are the words, the sentences. For example, if a child creates a scenario with army figures at war, the therapist might perceive that the child is grappling with some form of conflict (within herself or between the people in her life). Many children use the costumes in the



playroom, sometimes in combination with other toys (for example, putting on a hat and carrying a purse to go "shopping," with the cash register, or wearing a doctor's white coat while giving a "check-up" with the medical kit). Donning a superhero cape can allow a traumatized child to pretend he has amazing powers which he can employ, within the safe walls of the playroom, contrasted with the lack of control he feels in real life. Learn more about the importance of costumes in play therapy [here](#).

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