

Winter 2008

News From...

The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage



Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage,

I am pleased to share with you just some of the many accomplishments that the Museum has enjoyed throughout 2008. Since its inception in 2003, our Museum has expanded its reach beyond the boundaries of Woodbine through a number of significant initiatives. We are truly a destination of renewal and deep sentiment for those with ties to the community from the past, and a guidepost for those who seek to explore the historical and socio/economic history of Woodbine.

As the official Teaching Center for Cape May County, designated by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, we focus on teaching the new generations about hate and prejudice, with the emphasis on REDUCTION of both. Our educational outreach efforts have been quite successful. We also provide the opportunity for Holocaust survivors to speak to students about their personal experiences to offset the little information—or only misinformation—that prevails in many areas. The interaction between the survivors and the students is a special privilege which we are proud to provide to students in grades 5 – 12 annually.

Teaching Tolerance is a universal task. At The SAM we encourage students to learn tolerance by living it consciously on a daily basis.

2008 provided us with the unique opportunity to partner with the Borough of Woodbine to co-host the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit “Key Ingredients – America By Food”, which attracted hundreds of visitors to Woodbine during the summer from July 19 through August 31. The planning for this monumental event began in the fall of 2007, under the auspices of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Needless to say, our three person staff was VERY BUSY with this exhibit.

The opportunity to participate in public humanities education was taken a step further by The SAM board of trustee Julie Levitt, who developed an audio/visual historical presentation called “Woodbine Eats.” Julie was able to develop a stunning oral history encompassing the voices and faces of the multicultural citizens of Woodbine who shared their customs and memories of day to day living, lifecycle events and holiday celebrations – all through the viewfinder of FOOD. This exhibit was an integral element of the overall exhibit of Key Ingredients.

In 2008 we partnered with the Cape May County Board of Agriculture to create a highly popular exhibit dedicated to the agricultural roots of Woodbine. The artifacts on loan from the CMC Board of Agriculture provided a memorable chronology of Woodbine’s produce and fruit farms, as well as chicken farms and dairies.

Preserving memories and telling history remains our commitment. Celebrating the heritage of Woodbine past and present continues through programs like our Lifetime Achievement Award and “Sheroe” Award Assembly which takes place at the Museum every March during Women’s History Month.

Holiday celebrations, Shabbat services in the summer with our friends from Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Delaware, and Rosh Hashanah Services open to the public are annual events which have developed regular attendance.

Our mission is clear. Our impact will continue to be as great as our human and financial resources allow. Please consider our Museum with a contribution so we can continue to grow to new heights. Whether you are joining us for the first time or making a new gift, The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage is grateful for your support.

Thank you,
Jane Stark



NJ State Senator Jeff Van Drew, Woodbine Mayor William Pikoelyck, and The Sam Azeez Museum Chairman Michael Azeez.

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We are all attached to each other across generations. The pride we saw in the history of Woodbine is just how we feel about our imprint in the sand on our home in Long Beach Island.

We had a wonderful visit

The Jewish Community
Center LBI, Sept. 25. 2008

Dear Jane Stark, Azeez Family and Foundation

Just wanted you to know that we enjoyed the exhibit "Key Ingredients America by Food" very much. It is good to be reminded what a rich and beautiful agricultural area we live in.

Thank you again
the Hamilton Family of
Ocean City, NJ

SCHEDULE A GROUP VISIT TO THE MUSEUM

Contact Jane Stark at

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or at the Museum (609) 861-5355

Dear Mr. Spiegel,

Thank you so much for coming to our class. We are so fortunate to have witnessed a real survivor. When I heard you'd be joining our class for a day my heart raced with excitement. I will always do as much as I can to prevent something as terrible as the Holocaust from happening again. I'm so glad I saw a piece of history in person.

The part of your presentation that I enjoyed most was no matter how much you went through you never held a grudge! I'm trying my best to treat everyone how I'd want to be treated! It's amazing how kicking and screaming could save a person's life. When you were being forced to go on a train you helped save you and your cousin's life. You're a hero!

I now do my hardest to be as strong as you. You didn't let anyone get the better of you. You're a great role model of mine and you've inspired our class to deal with the cards we're dealt with. I thank you again for coming to our class! My notebook that you signed is now my autograph book because your autograph is too special to put work around.

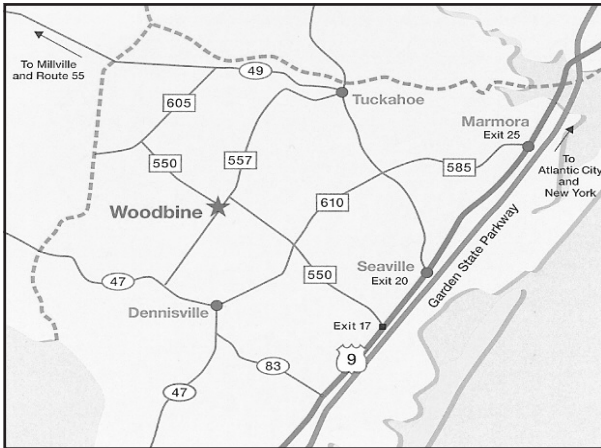
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- Merge onto GARDEN STATE PKWY S toward OCEAN CITY/WILDWOOD/CAPE MAY
- Take EXIT 17 toward OCEAN VIEW/WOODBINE
- Turn LEFT onto SEA ISLE BLVD/CR-625.
- Turn RIGHT onto SHORE RD/US-9.
- Turn LEFT onto WOODBINE OCEAN VIEW RD/CR-550. Continue to follow CR-550.
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