

## \*\* JEST NEWSLETTER \*\*

August 2009

### THE WAY WE WERE



Thanks to the casts and crews of *The Winslow Boy* and *A Thousand Clowns* for two more wonderful JEST productions. A special thanks to Leah Stoller, who directed the thought-provoking interpretation of Terence Rattigan's well-constructed play with sympathetic characters, aided by a superb cast and marvelous period set. Congrats to seasoned actor Artie Fischer on his directorial debut with the off-beat humor of Herb Gardner's play about a 12-year-old boy genius and the cheerfully eccentric uncle raising him. Here too, fine comic performances combined with pathos kept audiences laughing and rooting for the talented cast.

### AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!



**OPEN AUDITIONS** for the first play of the season, A. R. Gurney's *Another Antigone*, to be directed by Leah Stoller, will be held on Tuesday, August 18 and Sunday, August 23, 2009. **Please call Leah Stoller at 02-642-0908 to confirm place and hours of auditions.**

#### **CAST REQUIREMENTS**

- Young men and women, ages 17-23 for leads and for speaking chorus

**PERFORMANCE DATES -January 2010.**

Using Sophocles' *Antigone* as a basis, Gurney explores the conflict between a professor of Classics and a Jewish female student who strives against the warnings of the professor to produce a modern version of the play as her term work. Thus she becomes another Antigone without the tragic proportions.

**First Call:** JEST's new director, Tanya Meyer, is planning a production of Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker*, the hilariously funny play that *Hello Dolly* was based on. She is seeking creative and energetic actors who enjoy finding themselves in ridiculous situations.

Looking for:

- Women, ages 19-45;
- Men, ages 19-30; 40-55.

Please prepare a brief (under 45 seconds) comic monologue from a witty play. Please bring an accessory that you can use as a prop in your reading (e.g., hat, scarf, glasses). Bring a picture of yourself.

**PERFORMANCE DATES -March 2010.**

**Contact Tanya at [royaltlion@gmail.com](mailto:royaltlion@gmail.com)**

### PERSONALS



#### **Mazal tov to:**

- The Trachtman family on the marriage of their son and brother Jacob and the Bar Mitzvah of Ezra
- Myra and David Glickman on the birth of their first great-grandchild - a Yankee!
- Bev and Ira Piltz on the birth of their fourth child, a girl.

**Be-Sha'ah Tovah to:**

- Rosie Trachtman, who is leaving for Italy to pursue her veterinary studies.
- Karni Stoller, as she joins the IDF in the Air Force.

**Condolences to:**

- Bernie Barnett and family on the passing of Annette, a dear friend and a loyal JEST supporter from its inception.
- The family of Sidney Corob, CBE, a generous and longtime supporter of JEST
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**SUBSCRIPTION SPECIAL**



As a new season begins, JEST moves again to the theater at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel. This move enables us to maintain reasonable ticket prices for our audiences and provides us with a suitable venue to mark a significant milestone: the celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> year of activity.

Once again JEST is offering a special subscription of next season's offering of 3 superb plays. The three plays projected reflect three of the ages of man and the spirit that accompanies each age in its pursuit of its dreams.

- *Another Antigone*: a moving play with youthful energy, Jewish interest, and humor, Performance dates: January 14, 20, February 2, 8:00; January 21 and February 4, 6:00,
- *The Matchmaker*: basis for the hit musical *Hello Dolly*, in which the middle-age character, Dolly Levi, shows her indomitable energies in capturing Horace Vandergelder as her second husband. Performance dates:

March 10, 11, 17 at 8:00: March 15 and 18 at 6:00.

- *Heroes*: We conclude the season with a moving play by French playwright Gerald Sibleyras and translated to English by British playwright Tom Stoppard. The play spotlights three veterans of WWI residing in a home whose unquenchable spirit is revealed in their determined pursuit of life activities and not succumbing to the rigors of old age. Performance dates: June 2010, dates to be announced.

For those who subscribe to all 3 plays, the price will be NIS 215 for the three plays, a saving of 25 shekels per individual subscription, 50 shekels per couple. **SUBSCRIBE NOW AND ASSURE YOURSELF GOOD SEATS AT THREE OUTSTANDING PLAYS NEXT SEASON.** Subscriptions must be ordered by no later than **October 16, 2009.** All performance dates are in 2010.

Individual tickets may be ordered from Klaim, 622-2333 or JEST, 642-0908.

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