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## Katz JCC Craft & Fine Arts Fair

Visitors to the Tri-State Crafts & Fine Arts Fair at the Katz JCC, November 2, 3, and 4 will have the opportunity to view and purchase the works of over 80 juried artists and crafts persons. The local, national and internationally recognized artisans will showcase their own works which include jewelry, wearable art, fiber art, ceramics, stained glass, photography, sculpture, fine art, glassware and Judaica.



Debra Schwartz – birdhouses

"The committee is thrilled with the high caliber of the work and the wide variety of vendors we have displaying at this year's show," says Fern Kaufman, event co-chair. According to Jody Kaufman-Cooper, event co-chair, artists are coming from as far away as Israel and as close to home as Cherry Hill, Marlton and Voorhees to participate in the Center's annual fundraising event.

First year participant, Gladys Glass, known locally to many as "Mom of Woodstock Trading" will display her hand made glass beads, jewelry, and one of a kind cigar box handbags at the show. "I am so glad to be part of bringing art and introducing new artists to the south Jersey community," says Glass.

Lori Harmstead, mosaic artist and owner of "Dream Pieces: Unique Mosaic Designs" is another local artist coming from the Jersey shore to be at the fair. Formerly a web-site manager, Harmstead always loved art and working with her hands. "I realized that my creativity, personality and life goals were being stifled in corporate America and left my job to start doing what I truly loved to do," said Harmstead. She will exhibit her collection of one of a kind mosaic home furnishings including antiques, mirrors, frames, tables, and chairs. Harmstead sells her work at fine arts and craft shows and galleries throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

"With the suffering economy in Israel many shoppers this year are looking to support Israeli businesses," says Kaufman. "We are excited that the Craft's Fair will showcase the works of two Israeli artists, Ben-Zon David,



Michelle Grady – Bracelet

who specializes in Yemenite jewelry and Moshe Bar-Kocva. Bar-Kocva, one of Israel's most prominent and well known artists is a jewelry designer who uses the finest silver, gold and titanium along with semi-precious stones and ancient Roman Glass to assemble his artistic creations. Bar Kocva is the owner of a Gallery and Workshop in Old City Jaffa, Israel and is a regular at the show.

The three day event kicks off Saturday evening, November 2nd, at 8PM, with a preview party. The party ticket includes coffee, sweets and treats plus the three-day fair admission," explained Debbie Klein, Preview Party Chair. "In addition to supporting the Center community members who come on Saturday

night are able to beat the crowds and shop early. It is a great couples event or a fun girls night out. We expect many people will come to do their Hanukkah shopping," continued Klein. Admission to the Saturday night preview party is \$18 per person.

The Crafts Fair is open to the public and admission Sunday and Monday is \$6 at the door. Light fare will be available for purchase throughout the day. Proceeds from the event benefit the Katz JCC. To reserve tickets for the November 2nd Preview Party or for further information contact Jennifer at 856-424-4444/250 or [jrosendorf@jfedsnj.org](mailto:jrosendorf@jfedsnj.org).