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also welcomed Rabbi Moishe Mayir Vogel, executive director of the North East Region of Aleph, to the Citizens Review Board.

Dr. Yaakov Guterson, a Pittsburgh psychiatrist, gave a presentation about when inmates being counseled can benefit from medical intervention. And Rabbi Shais Taub, an expert on the 12-step program, lectured on using support groups for all inmates, regardless of addiction.

Richard Goldstein, a longtime volunteer at Aleph, was named volunteer of the year. Rev. Martin Statler of the Federal Correctional Institution in Loretto was given the Chaplain of the Year Award for his help over Rosh Hashana when four bochrim were involved in an accident that left them in the hospital for the holy day.

The Jewish Studies Program and the Department of German at the University of Pittsburgh will host their annual Kristallnacht commemoration Monday, Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh, room 208B.

Ruth Drescher will speak about her memories of Kristallnacht as a child in Germany in 1938, Susanne Ortner-Roberts will play musical selections on the clarinet, and undergraduate and graduate students will read selections from firsthand accounts of the events of Nov. 9 to 10, 1938.

The program is open to community members and is made possible in part with the support of the Jack Sittsamer Holocaust Studies Enrichment Fund in the Jewish Studies Program. Past speakers have included Fritz Ottenheimer and Rabbi Walter Jacob.

Contact the Jewish Studies Program at (412) 624-2280 or at jewishstudies.pitt.edu for more information.

Jewish Residential Services and Jewish Family & Children's Service will host a series of free workshops with information provided by The Partnership, a network of organizations that serve people with disabilities and their families. All workshops are scheduled for Mondays at 6 p.m. at Jewish Residential Services, located at Rodef Shalom Congregation.

On Nov. 14, a "Planning for Life After High School" workshop will help families design a successful transition for students moving from high school to adulthood.

Contact Shani Lasin at (412) 325-0039 or slasin@jrspgh.org for more information.

Chabad House on Campus and Chabad of CMU graduate student divisions will hold the second annual Grad Shabbat 200 for all area graduate students Friday, Nov. 11, at 6 p.m. in the University of Pittsburgh O'Hara Student Center Ballroom (formally known as the Concordia Club).

Alumni donations and funding from participating organizations will contribute to the budget for this event. Sponsoring organizations are Chabad House J-Grads, Chabad of CMU Grads, J'Burgh, Jewish Graduate Students Association at CMU, Israel on Campus at CMU, Jewish Pitt Grads, Maimonides at Pitt and Jewish Law Students Association at Pitt.

Visit gradshabbat.org for more information and to register.

The Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee (PAJC) will hold its annual meeting and host Middle East experts Benjamin Orbach and Col. Warren Gunderman (Ret.), who will discuss the implications of the Arab Spring on Israel's security and diplomatic relationships, Monday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., at Rodef Shalom Congregation, 4905 Fifth Ave.

Gunderman served as defense and military attaché in both Tunisia and Israel. Benjamin Orbach is the director

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