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Swing, jazz and klezmer sounds to highlight local Daniel Pearl World Music Days celebration

FREE annual concert on October 22 in East Brunswick honors slain Wall Street Journal reporter's commitment to understanding and community

Throughout the month of October, when musicians around the world perform in support of Daniel Pearl World Music Days, their melodies seem to harmonize in East Brunswick, the home of the Daniel Pearl Education Center.

Daniel Pearl, the Southeast Asia bureau chief of *The Wall Street Journal* who was kidnapped and murdered by extremists in Pakistan in 2002, was raised in Central New Jersey, and the Daniel Pearl Education Center in East Brunswick sponsors a broad spectrum of community-wide, interfaith programming to honor his memory. These programs, as well as the global Daniel Pearl World Music Days program that has featured artists like Elton John and Yo-Yo Ma, support the legacy of Pearl and his belief in "harmony for humanity."

This year the Daniel Pearl Education Center will once again host a free concert, open to the community, beginning at 8 pm on Tuesday evening, October 22. In recent years, local concerts have featured a variety of musical styles, including rock, Brazilian jazz and classical music.

This year's concert will feature John Nobile's Summer Swing Orchestra, as well as members of The Odessa Klezmer Band.

John Nobile's Summer Swing Orchestra has performed throughout the area and is well known for its full instrumentation in the tradition of the great swing and jazz orchestras of the 1930s and 1940s. The orchestra recently performed at a special concert in honor of World War II Marine hero John Basilone, who hailed from Raritan, NJ. The orchestra performed in place of the Marine Corps Band, which was sequestered, and did a combination of swing classics, patriotic favorites and Sousa marches, as well as a tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces.

The klezmer musicians, under the direction of Ed Goldberg, have been bringing the happy dance music of the Klezmirim for over 20 years and are widely known throughout Central Jersey.

"Daniel was a world-class journalist and a gifted musician," explains Dr. Andrew Boyarsky, chairman of the Center's committee. "Daniel Pearl World Music Days celebrates Daniel's life and his belief in harmony through music, but it has special meaning for us in Central Jersey, where we feel a connection to Daniel. Even more than 10 years after his untimely and tragic death, we celebrate Daniel's commitment to music as a way to bring cultures and people together.

"I must confess: I am perhaps more excited about this year's concert than ever before," he adds. "Not only will we have amazing musicians playing swing and klezmer music, with plenty of room for dancing, but our band leader and many of the band members have East Brunswick and local connections. This will be a very special night for everyone."

The Daniel Pearl Education Center is a non-profit, charitable organization committed to the ideals of understanding and cooperation – those principles that are part of the legacy of the late Daniel Pearl.

The concert is free, and light refreshments will be served. More information is available by contacting the Temple B'nai Shalom office at 732-251-4300.

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