

'Community Partnerships in Math' Kicks Off Salute to Stockton Speaker Series on July 17

Public Invited to Presentations at Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor, NJ

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Galloway Township, NJ - Temple Emeth Shalom's 18th Annual "Salute to Stockton" lecture series, this year co-sponsored with Congregation Beth Judah, kicks off in Ventnor, NJ on **Friday, July 17**, with a look at the University's community partnerships in math education.

Dr. Chia-Lin Wu, Associate Professor of Mathematics, will speak about forming community partnerships with local elementary, middle, and high schools to provide professional development for mathematics teachers.

Schools involved include Greater Egg Harbor Regional, Ocean City, Mainland Regional, Egg Harbor Township, Southern Regional School District, the Marine Academy of Science and Technology and the Atlantic County Institute of Technology.

Dr. Wu has also runs "Math Mayhem," an annual program which brings more than 60 students from 10 South Jersey high schools to Stockton to compete in exams that challenge the students and assess their current skill development, which helps bridge the gap between high school and college.

Dr. Wu has taught a wide range of Mathematics courses, Computer Science and Education courses. He specializes in mathematical analysis, probability and statistics, along with his interest in math education.

The public is invited to this free series of events, sponsored by Temple Emeth Shalom in Margate and being held this year at Congregation Beth Judah, 700 N Swarthmore Ave, Ventnor, NJ. The programs will begin at 7:30 p.m. during Friday evening Sabbath services in July and early August, and feature a question-and-answer session following the presentations.

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Rabbi Gordon Geller of Temple Emeth Shalom in Margate, and a longtime Stockton faculty member in the School of General Studies, said, "The talks are always one of the community's cultural highlights. This summer the series will be held at Congregation Beth Judah to accommodate a larger audience." The two temples are holding a number of joint services this summer, including the "Salute to Stockton" series.

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer of Congregation Beth Judah said, "We are delighted to be partnering with Emeth Shalom in hosting these thought-provoking talks by respected local faculty."

Upcoming lectures also include:

Friday, July 24: Dr. Nathaniel Hartman, Assistant Professor of Biology, will speak on: "Medical Immortality: Who Wants to Live Forever?"

Dr. Hartman will discuss the major advancements in the fields of regenerative medicine and brain-computer interface as ways to achieve medical immortality. He will explore the possibility of using medical advances in stem cell biology and bioengineering to avoid death. He will discuss some of the moral and ethical dilemmas that we will face as a society if technology allows us to overcome death.

Friday, July 31: Dr. Eileen Conran-Folks, director of Stockton's Hammonton & Manahawkin Instructional Sites, will speak on: "Meeting Students Where They Live and Making New Community Partners Along the Way." This presentation will outline the positive outcomes Stockton University has realized through its expansion and development of instructional sites in Hammonton and Manahawkin.

Friday, Aug. 7: Dr. Beverly Vaughn, Professor of Music, will host a program built around songs about freedom from slavery, including a sing-along with audience members and guest performers.

Dr. Vaughn, a mezzo-soprano known for her velvety tone and vibrant personality, is director of Choral Activities at Stockton. She has won numerous awards and citations for her teaching and has also received several awards from the regional organizations for outstanding community outreach and service.

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