

## Area clergy unite for Thanksgiving

The Upper Pascack Valley Clergy Association, comprised of many area synagogues and churches, sponsored its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 23.

The event took place at Temple Emanuel of the Pascack Valley in Woodcliff Lake. The synagogue

was also celebrating the 48th anniversary of Cantor Mark Biddelman with "5775, A Year of Song and Celebration."

In times when religion can become a divisive force, it can be nice to know that people of different faiths within the Pascack Valley join together to hold a Thanks-

giving service which creates a feeling of being one community.

Participants included Pastor Ed Hasse of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Montvale, Rabbi Noah Fabricant of Temple Beth Or in Washington Township, Pastor Dawn Corlew of United Methodist Church in Park Ridge, Pastor Tom

Bentz of First Congregational Church in Park Ridge, Rev. Charles Grandstrand of OLM Roman Catholic Church in Park Ridge, Rabbi Benjamin Shull of Temple Emanuel in Woodcliff Lake, Tom Willingham of Community Counseling Service of the Pascack Valley in Park Ridge, Cantor Sarah Silverberg of Temple Beth Or in Washington Township, Rabbi Deborah Orenstein of Con-

gregation B'nai Israel in Emerson, Cantor Mark Biddelman of Temple Emanuel in Woodcliff Lake, Rabbi Gerald Friedman of Park Ridge and Pastor Robert Ulak of OLM Roman Catholic Church in Park Ridge.

It was wonderful for all involved to see so many clergy representing so many churches and synagogues at the area.

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Pictured here are the Pascack Valley Clergy members who participated in the annual Pascack Valley Clergy Thanksgiving service at Temple Emanuel.