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THE TREASURE OF MISHKAN TORAH

by Steven Mirsky

Dear Friends,

The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, written and directed by John Huston, was released to movie theaters in 1948. Featuring Humphrey Bogart and Walter Huston, this film delved into the depths of humanity's greed and baser emotions, seeking the ultimate solution to all their problems - gold! But when they find gold, suspicions and distrust between them grow exponentially. In the end, one of them is killed by bandits, who mistake his pack bags of gold for sand and cut all the bags open allowing the wind to blow the gold back to the Sierra Madre Mountains. This treasure turned out to be a curse, bringing death and deprivation to the miners.

Remake Now Showing

Now let's look at a remake of this movie, *The Treasure of Mishkan Torah*. At first glance, Mishkan Torah does not appear to be a rich synagogue. Our quirky building has a history of too many leaks and not enough storage.

We depend upon volunteers for our daily functioning. But take a closer look. Peruse our e-Trumpet or paper version and you will see a wealth of wide-ranging activities coming up in February and well into the spring. *The Treasure of Mishkan Torah* (or TTOMT) exemplifies the kindness, chevara, and congeniality of the human soul.

Our movie presents several exciting events. I see Yiddish Club meetings every month in one act of TTOMT. There's a scene on our multi-lingual Purim on February 27. A Yoga Shabbat on March 7 is a show-stopper. The movie

continues with *My Name is Asher Lev* on April 10 at the Bethesda Roundhouse Theater. The premiere of Nicole Burton's play *Fred and Frieda* is on April 18 in the GAC. Intermission.

Honors Are Featured

Now I see a party honoring Mishkan Torah past presidents on April 25. Wait, is that annual vintage jewelry sale on May 2 also in TTOMT? Our movie continues on May 15 at the Keter Shem Tov honoring Sid and Irene Spector.

And throughout we are treated to thought provoking and engaging Shabbat Services. This is truly an ambitious movie. It presents the true treasures of Mishkan Torah. These treasures do not blow away into the wind. They stay with us forever in our memories, our minds, and our hearts.

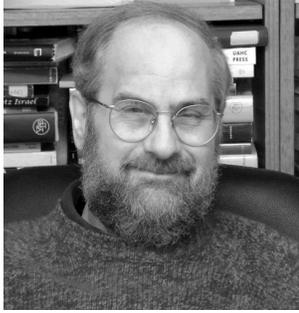
So please share in these riches. Participate in the upcoming treasure of events. Volunteer to help set up or clean up. Include your family and friends. Encourage a new member. Bring along a non-member. The more we all share in our treasures, the greater they will be.

With apologies to Messrs. Bogart and Huston, we have found our treasure at Mishkan Torah and it is us!

SAVE THE DATE

Founding members of Mishkan Torah, Sid and Irene Spector, will be honored at Shabbat morning services on May 15, 2010, as recipients of this year's Keter Shem Tov.

RABBI CHALLENGES ROBERTSON'S VIEWS ON HAITI



As I write this column, the latest estimate of the number of victims of the earthquake in Haiti is in the range of 200,000 dead and millions more people who have lost

everything except for their lives. Perhaps the only glimmer of redemption in this horrific tragedy lies in the massive outpouring of sympathy and material assistance to one of the poorest countries in the world. Unfortunately, the disaster has also brought out the least charitable among us. For example, the fundamentalist preacher Pat Robertson says that the earthquake is the most recent result of a curse brought on by the Haitian people's having sworn a pact with the devil in order to win their national independence.

Legend Is Not History

Presumably, Robertson is referring to a ritual said to have occurred on the night of August 14, 1791, at a place called Bois Caiman. The purpose of the event was to steel the determination of the slaves to fight for their freedom. The story alleges that a slave by the name of Boukman Dutty led a Voodoo ceremony in which he charged those gathered "to throw away the image of the god of the whites who thirsts for our tears and listen to the voice of liberty that speaks in the hearts of all of us." The assembled slaves then swore an oath of secrecy and revenge, sealing it by drinking the blood of a sacrificed pig, and they pledged 200 years of service to the spirits of the island in exchange for victory over the French. And as a memorial to this so-called pact with the devil, the Haitian people were said to have erected an iron statue of a pig in their capital, Port-au-Prince.

This is a lurid story worthy of Hollywood – but it almost certainly never happened! There isn't a single eye-witness to a pig ritual at Bois Caiman. The earliest record that we have dates to 1814 – a full generation later – and it was

written by a white doctor named Antoine Dalmas, who never claimed to have been there and who admitted that his information was revealed by slaves under torture. Whatever role Boukman Dutty may have played in the first stages of the Haitian revolution, the French soon captured and guillotined him. He was replaced by Toussaint L'Ouverture, a devout Catholic who led the revolution until only a short while before its final success in 1804.

Far from worshipping the devil, L'Ouverture outlawed Voodoo, and was in the habit of asking whomever he met whether they had received communion that day. As for the iron statue of the pig, it has never been located because it never existed. It is true that, at one point, Port-au-Prince did have a statue of a swine. But far from being a Voodoo fetish, it was a gift of the Italian embassy and it depicted a European wild boar, an animal that is not found in Haiti.

High Price of Independence

Of course, Haiti's history has been a long series of disasters both natural and man-made. But one need not look to supernatural realms to find the devils that plague the country. In exchange for recognizing Haiti's hard-fought independence, France demanded a war-damage payment of 150 million gold francs – estimated at \$21 billion in 2004 U.S. dollars – that Haiti spent eighty years paying. Deep and abiding racism prevented the U.S. and Europe from recognizing Haiti for 60 years. Trade was never established on even terms. For much of its history, the military ruled the state, culminating in the brutal Duvalier dictatorship, which the U.S. supported as a bulwark against Castro's Cuba.

In 1983, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's concerns about African swine fever led to the indiscriminate slaughter of the pigs that formed the backbone of Haiti's rural economy. No robust civil society developed – there's no vigorous tradition of PTAs and town planning boards. A brain drain evacuated top talent from the country,

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ROBERTSON'S THEOLOGY SEEMS TENUOUS, TOO

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while the U.S.-subsidized farm industry sent surplus crops to Haiti, undercutting local prices there. Farmers abandoned their lands, flocked to the capital, and built the shanty towns that have now collapsed into rubble, burying the innocent and vulnerable, strong and powerful alike.

Robertson's theology is every bit as tenuous as is his grasp of history. He espouses a dualistic worldview in which God is locked in constant battle with the devil and his minions. In his mind, Voodoo – which is a folk religion that combines elements of traditional African spirit worship with elements of Catholicism – must be devil worship because it isn't evangelical Protestantism. I can't help wondering whether he also believes – as have generations of theologians – that we Jews reject the divinity of Jesus because we are in league with the devil to willfully pervert the meaning of Scripture. (Several members of Mishkan Torah have told me that, during their military service, barrack mates who had never met a Jew before wanted to know where they had hidden their horns!) Robertson never explains why the devil would want to help slaves to achieve their freedom or why God would side with the slave owners. After all, the very logic of a pact between the devil and the slaves distorts both the biblical story of the exodus from Egypt and the message of the prophets of Israel. Finally, I can't believe that a loving God would condemn a whole nation for something that some of their ancestors might have said or done more than 200 years ago. I wonder whether Pat Robertson feels that every Jew living today is also cursed because some Jews may have played a role in the judicial murder of Jesus.

So if the history is wrong and his theology is suspect, what benefit is there in trafficking a libel about a pact with the devil? In my opinion it serves two purposes, one historical and the other theological. On an historical level, it provides a convenient cover for racism. After all, Haiti is the only nation in the history of the world where African slaves successfully made a

revolution and threw off the yoke of slavery. The idea that a black savage like Boukman Dutty could be aware of European notions of human rights, or that Toussaint L'Ouverture could prevail militarily against European armies is so incomprehensible to some people that they can account for it only in terms of a satanic conspiracy.

The canard about a pact with the devil also provides an answer to what is undoubtedly the most vexing of all theological questions, namely why do bad things happen to good people. Rather than admit that they have no answer to such unanswerable questions, or accept that there is a certain randomness in the occurrence of natural disasters, Robertson and others (among them some ultra-Orthodox Jewish leaders like Rabbi Ovadiah Yosef) see nothing wrong with blaming victims for their own misfortune. I cannot say whether the likes of Robertson and Yosef are self-deluded or are cynically exploiting the credulity of their followers. But I can't help noticing that they both head wealthy and politically powerful organizations that would almost certainly take a hit at the bottom line if their leaders were to honestly admit their human limitations. In the words of the *Sim Shalom* prayer book: "There is little we may claim to know about God, but this much is certain: One cannot come before God save in integrity of heart and mind. It would not do to try to feign or fib for the greater glory of God. It cannot be required of man, and surely it can never be made a duty, to plead falsely to the God of Truth. The fearless seeker of truth, even the honest blasphemer, is nearer to God than the liars for the benefit of religion."

**SAVE THIS DATE, TOO
APRIL 25, 2010
AS MISHKAN TORAH HONORS
ITS PAST PRESIDENTS!**

SISTERHOOD SAYS . . .

by Irene Spector

The latke party was a great success. See the article and photo in the January edition of the Trumpet. Thanks to all who made it so successful.

By the time you read this, our Cabaret will be a wonderful memory. We will have enjoyed our delicious Italian dinner and the superb entertainment by our own stars Becky and Mark Silverstein and the rest of their talented family. We're sorry if you were unable to be with us . . . but don't worry . . . we have many more exciting programs in store.

Sunday, February 21 at 11 a.m. - Laughter Yoga.

See the box at the bottom of this page.

Sunday, March 14 at 6 p.m. – Sisterhood Seder.

Fran Hakim has already started the wheels in motion and the testing, tasting and sign-up sheets are already in the works. You can call Fran at 301 xxx-xxxx to get aboard. Many helpers will be needed, and this is your chance to join the fun. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of what is always a very special program.

Saturday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. - Senior Theater - Groucho Marx, One Man Show. This is now a definite event. Light refreshments will be served after the show. Come and join us for this entertaining event.

Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. - Greenbelt Arts Center: Premiere of Nicole Burton's play "Fred and Frieda".

Saturday, May 1 - after Shabbat - Jewelry Sale set-up. Call Eva Choper at 301 xxx-xxxx to offer your assistance.

Sunday, May 2 - Seventh Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale. Call Eva for details and to offer to help.

Thursday, May 27 at 7 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, featuring healthy fresh fruit drinks. Elections will be held and a program TBA.

Sunday, June 13 - Debbie Brenner has arranged for a lovely luncheon as we enjoy a sightseeing boat ride out of Baltimore. Watch for more exact details later.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Mitzvah Cards: Call Becky Hirsch at 301 xxx-xxxx for her always speedy, efficient service.

Catering: Alyce Strasser at 301 xxx-xxxx is always there with her excellent help as you plan your *simcha*.

Gift Shop: Call Alyce Strasser (after 10:30 a.m., please) as you choose from a beautiful selection of jewelry, ceramics, glassware, and ritual objects for any special occasion. Come and see the display of Passover items now in the showcases.

RHYME TIME

Is Winter really over?
 Are snowfalls all through?
 We hope so because
 we have so much to do.
 March, April and May
 are filled to the brim -
 So rev up the energy,
 the pep, and the vim.
 In June our year ends
 with a boat ride and a lunch!
 Where else can you find

SISTERHOOD PRESENTS "LAUGHTER YOGA"

February 21 from 11 a.m. to noon

Sisterhood members: Free; Non-members: \$5

All yoga levels are welcome. This is a great way to experience yoga for the first time – instructor will accommodate everyone – you can even stay seated in a chair!

Bring a mat and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

RSVP to Eva Garin, xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.edu or 301-xxx-xxxx.

such a compatible bunch?

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

by Andrea Weiss

The Social Action Committee is pleased to report that donations of food for the Greenbelt needy and warm outerwear for the children of Springhill Lake Elementary School have been coming in. Below, we have included a letter of thanks from the elementary school.

However, the need continues and we are hopeful that the donations will, as well. Greenbelt Cares is reporting a need for staples like peanut butter and jelly. They can also use donations of soap and personal care products, which cannot be purchased with food stamps. Please be careful, when you donate the nonperishable food, that the expiration dates are still good.

Hats and coats are still needed for the children. Hats should be new or washed in hot water before donating. Coats can be gently used, but clean. This is the perfect time of year to pick up bargains in the stores on new winter items, so please think of the children the next time you stop at your local department store.

We also encourage you to support efforts now underway to assist in Haitian relief. (See page 7.)

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 28, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Family Services	7:30 p.m.
6 <i>Shabbat Yitro</i>	9:30 a.m.
12 <i>Erev Shabbat</i>	8 p.m.
13 <i>Shabbat Shekalim: Parshat Mishpatim</i>	9:30 a.m.
19 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
20 <i>Shabbat Terumah</i>	9:30 a.m.
26 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
27 <i>Shabbat Zachor: Parshat Tetzaveh</i>	9:30 a.m.
28 <i>Purim</i> Carnival	11 a.m.
28 <i>Erev Purim: Megillah</i> Reading	8 p.m.



JANUARY YAHRZEITS

February 5

Paul Awrich
Cyril Schultz
David Goldberger
Sylvia Stern
Robert Garin
Julius Froehlich*
Jennie Goldstein*
Lillian Parks
Aveve Cohen
Ralph Bergman*
Dorothy Bloom Pollack
Stanley Saviet

February 12

Mollie Kramer*
Ashley Lauren Ellerin*
Howard Merl*

David Dondes
Bertha Millison*
Adele Mund*
Reizl Marim Izkouna
Rabinovich
Edith Ratzkin*
Estelle Oresky
Hyman Goldfine
Bertha Rosenzweig*
Miriam Payne*
Sam Brown
Ruth Stregack*

February 19

Martin Wartell
Nancy Saviet
S. Jack Glassman
Herbert Schwartz*

Miriam J. Glick
Milton Mortman
Mavis Katz Brown*
Rose Dorfman*
Elinore Feinberg
Paula Strauss Crupain*
Anna G. Hirsch*
Otto Schlesinger
Samuel Oresky
Bessie Chasanow*
Muriel Levinson
Barbara Ratskin Kaul*
Mortimer A. Brown*
Adele K. Gurman*
Carl Shinderman*
Benton Parks
Henry Noon*

Tillie Herman*
Leonard Silverstein
February 26
Morris Sackel
Hyman Gerson*
Seymour Rogal
Harry Finkelstein*
Yetta Steinman*
Warren Broughton*
Isaac Victor Algaze*
Deborah Polk Wendell*
Morris Dorfman*
Rebecca Altman Karp*
Harry S. Weidberg*
Morris Chasanow*
Sarah Perkal
Baumgarten*

MARCH PREVIEW

5 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Family Services	7:30 p.m.
6 <i>Shabbat Parah: Parshat Ki Tisa</i>	9:30 a.m.
12 <i>Erev Shabbat</i>	8 p.m.
13 <i>Shabbat HaChodesh: Parshat Vayakhel-Pekude</i>	9:30 a.m.
19 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
20 <i>Shabbat Vayikra</i>	9:30 a.m.
26 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
27 <i>Shabbat HaGadol: Parshat Tzav</i>	9:30 a.m.
29 First <i>Pesach Seder</i>	
30 <i>Pesach</i> Services: First Day (Second <i>Seder</i>)	9:30 a.m.



WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

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 Alster
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 Goldenberg
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 Gottlieb
 Max & Ruth Horlick for Harry Horlick
 Beth Kaufman for Adrienne Kaufman
 Marcie Lissauer for Rosette Lissauer
 Seymour Oresky for Rose Oresky & Jennie
 Stone
 Dr. M.L. Oster-Granite for Raymond Oster
 Raphael, Susette & Billy Panitz for Rabbi David
 H. Panitz
 Bob Silverman for Ida Silverman
 Stephen Solomon for Reuben Solomon
 Gil Weidenfeld for Saul Weidenfeld

High Holiday President's Club

Keith & Coleen Chernikoff
 Gary & Niki Kohn
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser

High Holiday

Raphael & Susette Panitz
 Sue & Bill Zuk

Sustaining Fund

June & David Charney
 Janet Davis in honor of Lois Darr's new house
 Janet Davis in memory of Jerry Gold, Frank
 Pearlman's nephew
 Hank Dobin & Bonnie Bernstein
 David Granite & Mary Lou Oster-Granite
 Susan & Stephen Weiss

Prayerbook Fund

Harry Rosenbluh in honor of Elisha George
 Golden on the occasion of his Pidyon ha-Ben

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Rhoda & Jerome Mortman in memory of Milton
 Mortman, Lorraine Siegel & Rachel Algaze

THANKS FROM KOHNS

We want to thank so many of you for your friendship, love, and generosity, but mostly for your continuing support in sustaining Dena's memory.

We were overwhelmed by the turnout at the Cafe Tzedakah, as well as the contributions to Dena's scholarship fund at the Theatre Lab. To all the performers, thank you, thank you, and yasher koach...you were wonderful!

To all of you who attended and contributed, and those who could not but contributed, and all those who have been supportive in your way, thank you, thank you, as well.

We are again reminded of what a supportive and caring community Mishkan Torah is...with our most sincere thanks, gratitude and love...Niki and Gary Kohn

HAITIAN RELIEF DONATIONS SOUGHT

Social Action would like to support Rabbi Cohen's recommendation that members of the congregation consider offering help to reputable aid donations who are working to provide assistance to the people of Haiti.

He has recommended three options for giving, all of which can be done online:

- <http://jrf.org/Haiti-Earthquake-Relief> (the Reconstructionist movement) or
- www.uscj.org/donate/relief (the Conservative movement) or
- https://secure.ajws.org/site/Donation2?df_id=3460&3460.donation=form1 (the American Jewish World Service.)

NEWS FROM OUR "SPONSORS"

Compiled from news releases.

Inasmuch as Mishkan Torah is affiliated with the Reconstructionist and Conservative movements, we present here some of the items that might be of interest to members.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE

OLYMPICS BOUND?

If you are planning on being at the Olympics in Vancouver, [Congregation Beth Israel](#) invites you to Shabbat Dinner on February 19. Reservations are due by February 15. E-mail info@bethisrael.ca for details

HAZAK GOES TO CAMP

Hazak, for people 55 and older, invites you to camp at [Block and Hexter Vacation Center Center](#) in Poyntelle, Pennsylvania, for a week of fun, friends, music, learning, and food, from June 30 to July 7. E-mail zemlak@uscj for more information or a reservation.

USY SUMMER PLANS

Early-bird registration is on. High-school students can explore the spectacular natural wonders of the northern Pacific coast in our new four-week USY on Wheels, Pacific Northwest, or spend five weeks exploring Israel in new ways on USY Israel Adventure Plus, or any of our other programs.

USY LOVE CONNECTION

Project Reconnect is looking for couples who met in USY. Send your stories to usyconvention@gmail.com. We'd love to know your names, the years you were in USY, your home region, and the story of how you met. Pictures would be great too!

RECONSTRUCTIONIST

CELEBRATION CHANGE

The Chesapeake JRF Annual Celebration will be Sunday, March 21, with a new venue. **This year's event will be at Oseh Shalom in Laurel, MD.**

Among the honorees will be **Nadine Wobus** from Mishkan Torah.

TRAVELING SCHOLAR WEEKEND

On April 16-18, we will study Israel and the Environment at a minimum of three area synagogues. Our speakers will include *David Weisberg, Executive Director of Friends of the Aravah Institute*. For information about *Aravah*, take a look at the website at www.aravah.org.

SAME WEEKEND FOR TEENS

Be sure to let your teens know that the North American No'ar Hadash Teen Kallah will be held April 16-18 in Washington, D. C. Details are available at noarhadash.org/events.

CAMP JRF REGISTRATION

Camp JRF, rated one of the top ten Jewish camps in the United States, is currently accepting registrations for the 2010 summer season, and is filling fast. Check out the camp at: www.campjrf.org. This year camp begins on June 30.

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

November 11-14 in Newport Beach, CA. For information, visit the website jrf.org/convention2010.

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PLEASE PHONE THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE AT 301-474-4223

Please submit articles, pictures, suggestions, and flyers to Arnold Brodsky by the 20th of each month unless announced otherwise.

*Mishkan Torah Sisterhood
Theater Group Opportunity
My Name is Asher Lev*

*A play by Aaron Posner
based on a Chaim Potok novel
at the Round House Theater
in Bethesda, Maryland*

Saturday Night, April 10, 2010

8 p.m. curtain

Best Orchestra Adult ticket: \$55*

Seniors (over 65): \$45

Student price: \$30

**Limited seating in the center orchestra;*

also available: side orchestra: \$45

or special priced side balcony \$30 (limited seats)

RSVP: Call Debbie @ 301-XXX-XXXX or e-mail at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.com

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE MISHKAN TORAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by Bill Schwartz

The Mishkan Torah Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial support to individuals who are pursuing degrees in Judaic studies. As donations accumulate in the fund, it is appropriate to make periodic disbursements to qualified applicants. If you are interested in applying for a disbursement from this fund, please read the "fine print" in the following paragraphs, and then submit your request in writing to Bill Schwartz at the synagogue office by no later than March 3, 2010. Requests should include the course of study you are pursuing, a statement from the school at which you are pursuing your studies that you are a student in good standing and are presently enrolled, and the amount you seek.

If you have any questions, please call Bill in the evenings at 301-xxx-xxxx.

Criteria for Scholarship

"The purpose of the Mishkan Torah Scholarship Fund is to provide funds to applicants at the discretion of the Scholarship committee for the furtherance of the applicants' post- secondary school religious education. In order to avoid having to report distributions to the recipients of the scholarship, Mishkan Torah must require that the amount it distributes to recipients be used only for tuition and related expenses.

Tuition and related expenses are defined as tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance at an educational institution, as well as fees, books, supplies and equipment. The fees, books, supplies and equipment must be required of all students in the particular course of instruction. Incidental expenses, such as room and board, travel, research, clerical help, and equipment and other expenses that are not required for either enrollment or attendance at an educational organization are not considered related expenses, and a scholarship that is used for such incidental expenses is not excluded from income.

Special Fund Trustees

Money donated to this fund will be held by the Special Fund Trustees. Donors to this fund shall be informed that criteria for income tax deduction for funds which may eventually be distributed to individual recipients are stricter than other donations to a house of worship. The Scholarship Committee shall be appointed by the President."

JEWELRY DONATIONS NEEDED

by Eva Choper

Once again it is time to start thinking about our annual jewelry sale. Our stock supply is low because we did so well last year. So far this year we have not received as many donations as we did last year at this time of the season. The result is that we need donations. Please look at your collections and see if you need to 'gain more space' and donate the excess to our Annual Costume and Antique Jewelry Sale.

Volunteer Dates: April 4, and May 1 & 2

Sunday, April 4 will be the day when we will be pricing donated items. This is a team effort and it is fun to do. The time will be announced in future publicity; most probably it will be late morning or early afternoon.

Saturday evening, May 1, will be when we will meet to physically set up the sale. Again, volunteers are needed to do this. The actual sale will be May 2. And again we will need volunteers to help run the sale.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Mishkan Torah's office or Eva Choper by phone.

YIDDISH CLUB CORRECTION

In our last issue, incorrectly gave the start time for Yiddish Club meetings as 10:30 a.m.; the correct time for the start of all meetings is **10 a.m.** Meetings are on the followings Sundays:

February 21	March 21
April 11	May 16 June 13

Yoga Shalom



A Jewish Worship Experience

for Body, Mind and Spirit

Created by Cantor Lisa Levine with Yoga Instructor Carol Krucoff

Saturday, March 6 at 10:45 a.m.

at Mishkan Torah Synagogue
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD

**\$10 fee - Please RSVP to reserve your spot (sorry no drop-ins)
non-members welcome**

Darelynn Fung, xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.com or 301-xxx-xxxx

Clothing should be appropriate for Shabbat – loose fitting pants (no shorts please) and t-shirt

**Bring a yoga/exercise mat with you.
Plan to join us for Kiddush following the service.**

**Soon to be published by URJ Press!
Go to: www.urjbooksandmusic.com**

This hour-long practice combines elements of a classical Hatha Yoga class with four traditional parts of the Jewish worship service including ***Birchot Hashachar*** (Introductory Prayers), ***Shema uvirchoteha*** (Shema and its Blessings) ***T'filah*** (Intermediary Blessings) and ***Concluding Prayers*** (Adoration, Kaddish, Healing). The entire practice is accompanied by sacred music—some of which are Lisa's original compositions.

LISA LEVINE earned her Bachelors Degree in Music from University of California Irvine and went on to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, where she completed her Masters Degree in Sacred Music. Lisa is currently the Cantor of Temple Shalom in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Lisa has released two songbooks of her original worship music "*The Lisa Levine Songbook and Soulful Shabbat*". Her other compositions are published by Transcontinental Music. Her songs are sung and recorded in synagogues around the country and appear in 12 Anthologies. Her CD's include "*Reaching For Peace*", "*Gems of the High Holy Days*". Her most recent recording "*Mis Canciones Para Los Judios De Cuba*" *My Songs for the Jews of Cuba*, features songs inspired by her visits and concerts in Havana. Lisa has shared "*Yoga Shalom*" around the country and is pleased to announce that it is scheduled to be published as a book/CD/DVD by URJ Press. For more information: www.CantorLisaLevine.com

Hail to the Chiefs

A celebration honoring our Past Presidents



Join us at Mishkan Torah
on April 25 at 5 p.m.
for a memorable evening of
Dinner, Music, Tributes, & Respectful Humor.

The meal is still in the discussion phase,
but we plan to have a chicken & a vegetarian option
catered by Alyce Strasser and the Sisterhood.

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by Dan Lowery



Thanks to the twenty-plus people who braved the rain and traveled to Baltimore's American Visionary Arts Museum. It was never meant to be a high dollar fundraiser, but it was certainly fun!

Did you know that Coffee Klatch has a new sign? Come to Mishkan Torah on Sunday, February 28 at 10 a.m. That day is also the Purim Carnival. Come join us for what promises to be a happening morning!

And we all know that Purim kicks off Mishkan Torah's Passover Wine Sale. Come to the Pesach Wine Tasting table before (and during) the *Megillah* reading on Saturday night, February 27.

Pesach is just around the corner. Do you have everything you need?

If not, check with Alyce Strasser!

Call after 10:30 a.m. to set up an appointment.
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RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE SEEKS MEGILLAH READERS

The Religious Committee needs volunteers for both Hebrew and every other language known to humankind for the *megillah* reading for *Erev Purim*, February 27. Volunteers should contact Yoni as soon as possible.

Everyone is invited to participate in Yoga Shalom Shabbat on Saturday, March 6, at 10:45 a.m. For a complete rundown of the program, see page 11.

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