



MISHKAN TORAH GETS 'NEW' RABBI . . .

by Jackie Kling, President

Well, kind of. I am delighted to announce that Saul Oresky will be fulfilling his Rabbinical school requirement of being a student rabbi at Mishkan Torah. Although Saul already plays an active role during Shabbat services and fills in for Rabbi Cohen when needed, during the months of



February through May he will take on an even more prominent role.

On approximately two *Shabbatot* a month Saul will lead services and be responsible for

the *divrei* Torah. He hopes to try out some new ideas during those times. Please join me and the entire board of Mishkan Torah in supporting him in this important step along the way to becoming ordained. Saul will also participate in other facets of the rabbinate such as life cycle events, counseling, and education. All of this will take place under the skilled guidance of Rabbi Cohen.

UPDATING OUR WEBSITE

There is much going on behind the scenes in other areas of synagogue life that I wish to share with you. Mark Loewenstein and Darelynn Fung have made huge strides in the redesign of our website. They are using Google Sites as the web host and learning as they go along. I applaud them for their vision and perseverance. The goal is to have a site

that is practical, easy to navigate and visually appealing. If you have any experience in this area feel free to contact Mark or me.

EMAIL OPT-IN CAMPAIGN

I have embarked on a campaign to get each of our members to sign up to receive email communications from Mishkan Torah. My goal is 100% participation. This list will be used to send reminders of events and registration deadlines, notices of cancellations and emergencies, notices of deaths in our congregation and *shiva minyan* details, and miscellaneous important information. We will not bombard you with emails and you can opt out at any time. Each of you who is not currently on the list will be receiving a call asking your permission to add you to the list, or by emailing me directly at President@MishkanTorah.org and telling me to add you to the list, you can save us some work and some time. This effort, in conjunction with our new website, will ultimately make us a stronger community.

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April 21, 2012

KETER SHEM TOV

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Joe, z"l, and Angie Carmel

RABBI SHARES WAYS TO MAKE SHABBAT MORE MEANINGFUL TODAY

I read recently in Roger Cohen's column in the *New York Times* that starting this year Volkswagen has responded to demands from its works council by agreeing to stop the e-mail server to its BlackBerry-using employees a half-hour after the end of their shifts, restoring it 30 minutes before the start of the next day's work. For now, the agreement affects only about 1,150 of Volkswagen's more than 190,000 workers in Germany, but it's a start in encouraging employees



to switch off, to curb the twitchy reflex to check e-mail every couple of minutes, and to look at things – like family and the big wide world – without the distraction of a blinking red light.

Other European companies are also beginning to perceive the costs of employee burnout. The German news magazine *Der Spiegel* ran a cover story following the resignation in September of a prominent soccer coach who complained of exhaustion. Another interesting recent case of employee burnout came at the very top, with the stress-induced absence for a couple of months of António Horta-Osório, the chief executive of the Lloyds Banking Group – a firm with assets of over £ 991 billion. He was suffering from what Sir Win Bischoff, the Lloyds chairman, called an "inability to switch off."

SHABBAT IS ABOUT SWITCHING OFF

Cohen's column led me to think about *Shabbat*, which is all about switching off. So counterintuitive is the idea of organized non-productivity, given the force and universality of the human urge to make things, that it's hard to believe that anyone ever managed to lift his head from his workbench or plow long enough to think of it. To the first-century Stoic philosopher Seneca, the Sabbath was absurd, a way for Rome's backward Jewish subjects to waste "almost a seventh of their life in inactivity."

But when a millennium earlier, our ancestors took over an old Mesopotamian day of taboo and transformed it into one of holy rest, they brought

into the world not just the Sabbath but something just as precious, and surprisingly closely linked. They invented the idea of social equality.

NEITHER SLAVES NOR BEASTS SHOULD WORK

The Israelite Sabbath institutionalized an astonishing, hitherto undreamed-of notion: that every single creature has the right to rest, not just the rich and the privileged. Covered under the Fourth Commandment are women, slaves, strangers and, improbably, animals. The verse in *Deuteronomy* that elaborates on this aspect of the Sabbath repeats, twice, that slaves were not to work, as if to drive home what must have been very hard to understand in the ancient world.

The Jews were meant to perceive the Sabbath not only as a way to honor God but also as the central vehicle of their liberation theology, a weekly reminder of their escape from their servitude in Egypt. In other words, we have the Sabbath to thank for labor legislation and for our belief that it is wrong for employers to drive their employees until they drop from exhaustion.

OVERDOING A GOOD THING

Of course, like any good thing *Shabbat* can be overdone. As recently as 125 years ago, you would have been hard pressed to find a museum or library in America open on Sunday. Eighty years ago, football was considered too vulgar to be played on Sunday. And anyone older than 30 can remember living with the expectation that most stores would be closed on Sunday [as required by so-called "blue laws."]

We can blame that excessiveness on the Puritans. Most of us know that the first pilgrims landed on our shores in search of religious freedom. What we leave out of our Thanksgiving story is that they wanted this freedom in large part so that they could obey the Fourth Commandment with a zealotry that had deeply alienated their countrymen back in England.

The Puritans required attendance at church but punished anyone who got there with unseemly haste or on too showy a horse. History records the sad tale of a Captain Thomas Kemble, a Boston merchant, who in 1656

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was set for two hours in the public stocks for his "lewd and unseemly behavior," which consisted of his kissing his wife "publicquely " on the Sabbath Day, upon the doorstep of his house, when he had just returned from a voyage and absence of three years. (It was Captain Kemble's misfortune not to have been Jewish, for we Jews are commanded to kiss our wives on *Shabbat*!)

Of course, if Captain Kemble had been a Jew he would have celebrated his day of rest on Saturday rather than Sunday. This shifting of the day of rest was problematic for most American Jews, as attested by the title of Eli Evan's memoir about growing up Jewish in the churchgoing South: "The Lonely Days Were Sundays." (Interestingly, many early Christians observed both Saturday and Sunday as days of rest, an unwitting anticipation of the modern concept of the weekend.) But as Judith Shulevitz points out in her book about the importance of *Shabbat*, the lonely Sunday has been replaced by the overscheduled Sunday: soccer Sunday, Little League Sunday, yoga-class Sunday, catch-up-around-the-house Sunday. Americans still go to church, of course, but only in between chores, sporting events and shopping expeditions. Shulevitz points out that you can now find ATMs inside mega-churches. I dare say that, with the exception of the ATMs, the same can be said of the hectic schedules of many American Jews on *Shabbat*.

MODERN LIFE ERODES OBSERVANCE

Shulevitz argues that the eclipse of the Sabbath is just one small part of the larger erosion of social time, with its former generally agreed-upon rhythms of labor and repose. "After hours" has become a strictly personal concept, since the 24-hour convenience store, gas station, pharmacy, supermarket, movie theater, diner, factory and bar all allow us to work, shop, dine and be entertained at any time of day or night. We have become individualists, even libertarians. We will no longer put up with being told how to dispose of our free time. But our unwillingness to suffer constraint shouldn't blind us to the possibility that Sabbath discipline may have real benefits.

So what do we do, today, with this remarkable heritage? Some years ago, Rabbi Art Green suggested some of the ways by which we could reconnect with *Shabbat*. He formulated these ways as a set of 10 commandments for *Shabbat* observance, five negative ones, and five positive ones:

Don't do anything that you have to do for your

work life. This includes obligatory reading, fulfilling unwanted social obligations, homework for children, and preparing for work as well as doing the job itself.

Don't spend money. The atmosphere of *Shabbat* is best protected by a complete separation from the commercial culture. This means no calls to and from the broker, no following up on ads, no paying of bills. Relax – it can all wait.

Don't kindle fire. Seen from ancient times as the most basic *Shabbat* rule, fire represents labour that transforms matter rather than accepting the world as it is.

Don't travel. This refers especially to long distances, involving airports, hotel check-ins, and similar depersonalizing commercial situations. Stay free of encounters in which people are likely to tell you to "Have a good one."

Don't use commercial or canned video

entertainment. This refers especially to television, film, and computer games. Stay in situations where you are face-to-face with those around you, rather than facing the all-powerful screen.

Stay at home. Spend quality time with family and real friends.

Celebrate with others – at the table, in *shul*, with the community, or with those with whom you best can share an appreciation of God's world.

Study or read something that will edify, challenge or make you grow.

Be alone. Take some time for yourself. Check in with yourself, review your week, ask yourself where you are in your life.

Mark the beginning and the end of this sacred time: candle lighting and *Kiddush* on Friday evening and *Havdalah* on Saturday night.

PRESIDENT CALLS FOR CATERING VOLUNTEERS . . . Continued from page 1

Briefly, but very importantly, we need help to restructure our catering services. We need 'take charge' people to manage various tasks. Think of all of the things that need to get done if you were having a party at your home - that's what we need. We also need one or two people acting as event managers to give out assignments and make sure nothing falls through the cracks. We are working to develop menus that are not too labor intensive. Our first function, the *Keter Shem Tov*, is quickly approaching. Now is your chance to shine. Contact

Debbie Brenner, Martha Tomecek, or me. We are waiting by the phone and computer!

Finally, I hope to see many of you on February 3 at the *Tu B'Shvat Seder*, on March 3 for the (not to be missed) *Purim Shpiel*, and on March 4 at the CARC Evening of Honors to recognize Janet and Steve Mirsky for their outstanding contributions to Mishkan Torah. I might stop by at the Super Bowl party on February 5. If I don't, I guess there will be more of Keith Chernikoff's chili for everyone else to enjoy.

It's Here at Last.

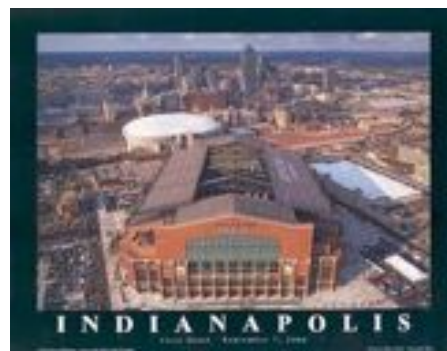
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ORIGINAL MUSICAL SPIEL (IN 1987!) TO BE PART OF PURIM CELEBRATION MARCH 3

by Jeffrey Rosen

The Ways and Means Committee is proud to announce that the full-length original musical *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Purim or the Villain Punished (AFTHotWttPotVP)* will be presented at Mishkan Torah on Saturday night, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. The show, a revised and expanded updating of the 1987 hit, is a hilarious spoof of the Purim story, and features a score “borrowed” from Broadway, opera, Gilbert and Sullivan, and good old rock ‘n roll. Even Lady Gaga is scheduled to make an appearance! The score features such hits as “We Jews Don’t Bow!” “Roll Over, Haman!” and “We’re Going to the Gallows and We’re Going to Hang Haman.”

AFTHotWttPotVP features a cast of about twenty performers, including teen-agers. Real life fiancés and previously Young Performer star Ben Greenfield and Choir Director Rachel White will portray the royal couple King Ahasuerus and Queen Esther. Musical theater and comedy veteran David Herschler will direct. Mishkan Torah’s Pied Piper Bret Goldstein will uphold the honor of the Jewish people in his portrayal of the noble hero, Mordechai. Cantor Yael Fischman will play the harridan former Queen Vashti, while long-time Mishkan Torah performer Evey Herschler will move things along as the Narrator. Of course you will have the opportunity to hiss and boo the thoroughly despicable villain you love to hate, Haman, to be played by Jeffrey Rosen. Other assorted characters who will fill the stage include Royal Chamberlains, doo-wopping plotters, Miss Upper Lower Turkestan, and Lady Debita, the Lord High Royal Auditor to be played by real-life Mishkan Torah Financial Secretary Arlene Gottlieb! There will be one show only, and you will not want to miss the music and the fun!

Light refreshments will be served, and other surprises are planned. Tickets for the show are on sale now, and a sell-out is expected. The cost for the entire evening is only ten dollars for adults and five dollars for children. You can order tickets directly from the Synagogue, and make donations in multiples of chai (\$18). Donations are welcome even if you are unfortunately unable to attend the

show. You may order tickets and make donations by means of the Flyer appearing in this issue of *The Trumpet* or you can also make reservations on-line at www.MishkanTorah.org and by following the prompts for *Purim Spiel*. So come and start your Purim season with what should be a tuneful and mirthful evening for all ages

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR PURIM SPIEL

February 2: Thursday (Wednesday is final Choir Rehearsal before *Shabbat Shirah*) – Group numbers: principals and doo-wops only

February 6: Monday: Whole cast

February 8: Wednesday: Whole cast; start blocking; musical run-through

February 13: Monday: Whole cast; blocking; musical run-through

February 15: Wednesday: Whole cast walk-through;
Last rehearsal on book

February 21: Tuesday (Monday is President’s Day)
Rehearsal off-book: All parts memorized

February 22: Wednesday: Rehearsal; whole cast

February 27: Monday: Tech Rehearsal

February 29: Wednesday : Dress Rehearsal

March 1: Thursday: Extra rehearsal time –if needed

March 3: Saturday: Performance

All rehearsals start at 7:15 at Mishkan Torah. Principals and Small Groups may schedule extra rehearsals on the weekends at the Rosens and/or the Hershlers.

JEWELRY SALE IS COMING!

The Annual Mishkan Torah Jewelry Sale will be held on Sunday, April 29, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

So it is time to start gathering all your extra bracelets, necklaces, rings, watches, pins, etc., for this annual event.

The pricing date is April 22 from 10:30 a.m. until we are finished.

For more information contact Eva Choper.

Mishkan Torah presents the 25th Anniversary of

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Purim

- A Purim Spiel

An original hilarious musical retelling the
Purim story with parodies of familiar songs



March 3, 2012
Saturday - 7:30 p.m.

Adults/teens - \$10
Younger Children - \$5

The stars are Mishkan Torah's real life fiancés, **Rachel White** (Queen Esther) and **Ben Greenfield** (King Ahasuerus).
Jeffrey Rosen revised his 1987 hit - it's even funnier now.
This G-Rated show will delight you and your family/friends!

I/We would like to reserve tickets as follows:

_____ Adults/Teens (at \$10 each) and _____ Younger children (at \$5 each). \$ _____

I/We would like to make a donation—in multiples of \$18 (chai). \$ _____

All donors will be listed in the Program if donation is received by February 26th. It is the ideal way to be included in this wonderful event - whether or not you can attend!

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Names for Reservation and/or the Program

Make checks payable to Mishkan Torah and send the reservation to the office.
(Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD, 20770)

Read more and RSVP online at www.mishkantorah.org/purim-spiel

STEVE AND JANET MIRSKY: MISHKAN TORAH HONOREES FOR JRF ANNUAL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, March 4 at 5 p.m., we will be honoring Steve and Janet Mirsky, along with several other honorees from area Reconstructionist synagogues and *havurot* (fellowships) at the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation's Annual Celebration, to be held at Oseh Shalom Synagogue in Laurel, Maryland. The JRF, founded in 1955 and currently located in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, is the synagogue arm of the Reconstructionist movement. As such, it serves more than 100 congregations and *havurot* spread across North America.

JRF is the voice of Reconstructionist Judaism, and because we are an affiliated synagogue (we are also affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism), we have JRF to consult on key areas of congregational life, such as youth and adult education, outreach, fundraising, and programming. We hired Rabbi Cohen, as well as Rabbis Grife, Bayar, and Berger, *zichrono l'vracha* (z"l - of blessed memory), through the Reconstructionist Movement. The annual celebration is its one fundraising activity for the entire year, and each synagogue is asked to pick deserving members to be honored with the Ira and Judith Eisenstein Service Award "for bringing to life the Reconstructionist idea of service to the Jewish people."

This year's richly deserving honorees are Steve and Janet Mirsky. They are an actively involved team of volunteers who have enriched Mishkan Torah in many significant ways.

FIRST JANET

Janet came to Greenbelt from Annapolis, where she taught for 33 years as a special education teacher in social studies in the same school, the Phoenix Center, and almost always in the same classroom. Janet is originally from Teaneck, New Jersey, and she has two brothers, one younger and one older. Coincidentally, she grew up in the same Conservative synagogue as did Arlene Gottlieb. After college, Janet moved to Annapolis for her job, and later moved to Greenbelt due to its closer proximity to College Park, where she was finishing up her master's degree at the University of Maryland. Janet credits Alice, z"l, and Frank

by Phyllis Oresky, Mishkan Torah JRF Liaison Pearlman for bringing her into Mishkan Torah. They lived on the same block and started to include Janet in their holiday celebrations.



In terms of synagogue service, Janet served on the Sisterhood Board when Alice Pearlman was President and as Recording Secretary of Mishkan Torah when Mark Silverstein was President. During Diane Kritt's, z"l, presidency, Janet volunteered in the library, where she organized and catalogued the books when the Karp Family School was in session. She also worked with Arnold Brodsky, then Principal, as his administrative assistant. Also, Janet and Steve co-chaired the Ways and Means Committee, and managed to stay married! More recently, under Linda Spevack's presidency, Janet was a valuable member of the *kashruth* committee, helping to write a document outlining our kitchen's kosher practices. She helped reorganize and clean up the kitchen, in the process throwing out a lot of unneeded stuff. Once a month, she continues to straighten up the kitchen, see what supplies are needed, and with Ed Brenner, helps keep it stocked and tidy. Also, last year she set up archives in the library, after seeing that the library had really needed organizing in advance of its use for Passover Kiddushes.

And Now Steve

Steve was born in Brooklyn, New York. He has one brother. Every summer, his family would rent a bungalow at the beach in Rockaway. They later moved to an apartment building in Rockaway when he was nine. Steve majored in nuclear engineering, and credits his life's work

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MIRSKYS TO RECEIVE EISENSTEIN SERVICE AWARD FROM JRF . . . continued from page 7

with reading a book written in 1948 called *The Young People's Book of Atomic Energy*. He went to Penn State for his master's degree, got his first job in Richmond, Virginia, in the late 1970s, but decided "this was not a place that was too accommodating for those of the Jewish faith," and so he moved to Maryland in 1979. He first worked for a company in Gaithersburg and then later at BG & E in Baltimore in 1986, when his daughter Rachel was born. Rachel is now a law student at the University of New Hampshire. Steve has been a consultant with SAIC for 23 years.

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

We have Janet to thank for bringing us Steve and it started with a note in the *kotel*, the Western Wall. In 1988, Rabbi Saul and Linda Grife organized a synagogue trip to Israel, and Janet went. When, during the trip, she visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem, she wrote a prayer on a small piece of paper and stuffed it into the wall. She prayed to meet someone, as she was unattached at the time. When she returned home, her friend Mindy's voice was on her answering machine, telling her that she had someone very special for Janet to meet. Steve, then separated from his wife, lived in Annapolis. His daughter Rachel was 2 ½ years old at the time. Their first date was dinner at Jasper's in Greenbelt. They were married at Mishkan Torah in 1990 by Rabbi Grife.

Once Steve joined Mishkan Torah, he was pulled into the Men's Club by Murray Shapiro, z"l. The Labor Day Festival and the French fry booth called out to him, and Steve became more involved with Richard Rosenzweig at the helm. He helped rent the large-screen TVs for the synagogue's Super Bowl parties, and then arranged for the synagogue to buy one. Also, he helped with the Mother's Day breakfasts and has been a charming and skillful omelet chef for our Sunday morning Koffee Klatches.

STEVE'S MANY JOBS

Steve has held many important board positions at Mishkan Torah. Steve served as Financial Secretary with last year's honoree Dan Lowery, chaired Ways and Means twice with Janet, and chaired the Membership Committee once. When

Linda Spevack was President, he served as her Executive Vice President, not realizing that he would be next in line for President.

Steve's two-year term as President saw numerous, much-needed improvements and innovations:

- E-Trumpet! Instead of mailing *The Trumpet*, Mishkan Torah's monthly publication is currently emailed to about one third of the congregation, thus saving on postage and paper costs.
- Refurbishment of the MT website. Under Mark Loewenstein's guidance, the website was modernized, a creative process that is ongoing.
- Open High Holiday seating, saving the Religious Committee many hours of labor and headaches.
- Started a Safety and Security Committee. Having heard that the Department of Homeland Security was awarding non-profit institutions grants post 911, Steve organized this committee and put in the countless hours necessary to apply for one of the grants. Other committee members were Jordan Choper, Ron Brooks, Ed Hickey, Steve Feinberg, Carl Hirsch, and Dave Spevack. All were to make vulnerability assessments of the building, pictures were taken around the entire synagogue, and forms were filled out detailing estimated costs. Because of the committee's work and Steve's diligence, Mishkan Torah was awarded a grant of more than \$60,000! The Government advanced us \$31,000 in order to begin improvements, and with Bill Schwartz's assistance as Treasurer, many important building changes were able to be made. These include:
 - new, safer, and more energy efficient windows
 - a stronger and far safer front door
 - new outside lights – 10 new LED lights, installed by Adam Silverman of Silco

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3	Karp School Tu B'Shevat Seder	6 p.m.
3	Erev Shabbat Family Services	7:30 p.m.
4	Shabbat Shirah – Parshat Beshalach	9:30 a.m.
5	Men's Club Super Bowl Party	5:30 p.m.
8	Tu B'Shevat	
10	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
11	Shabbat Yitro	9:30 p.m.
12	Yiddish Club	10 a.m.
17	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
18	Shabbat Shekalim – Parshat Mishpatim	9:30 p.m.
20	Presidents' Day	
24	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
25	Shabbat Terumah: February Birthdays Celebrated	9:30 a.m.

(LATE JANUARY AND) FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

January 20

Philip Friedman
Lena Kramer*
Howard Architzel
Anne Belle Schultz
Sherry Hyde*
Helen Presky
Nathan Diamond*
Abraham Barnowsky*
Adrienne Kaufman
Raymond Oster*
Harold Gottlieb
Saul Weidenfeld

January 27

Rabbi David H. Panitz
Marian Kramer*
Isadore Goldberg*

Gertrude Alster*

Scott Krasnick

February 3

Miriam Davidson*
Bryn Schultz*
Clara Weidberg*
Rose Oresky
Norman Tubiash
Tillie Wetter*
Estelle Oresky*

February 10

Judith Goldenberg
Morris Fisher*
Arlene Scheifer
Albert Nisenfeld*
Martha Gallant
Leonore Rosen*

Mac Rosen*

Shirley Rothbard Levine*

Paul Awrich

Cyril Schultz

David Goldberger

Sylvia Stern

Robert Garin

February 17

Julius Froehlich*
Lillian Parks
Jennie Goldstein*
Aveve Cohen
Ralph Bergman*
Dorothy Bloom Pollack
Stanley Saviet
Mollie Kramer*
Howard Merl*

Bertha Millison*

David Dondes

February 24

Adele Mund*
Edith Ratzkin*
Hyman Goldfine
Bertha Rosenzweig*
Claire Dondes
Miriam Payne*
Sam Brown
Ruth Stregack*
Nancy Saviet
Martin Wartell
Julius Pines*
Herbert Schwartz*
Miriam J. Glick
Milton Mortman
Beulah E. Bukzin*
Mavis Katz Brown

We have included yahrzeits for the last two weeks of January because several names in the January *Trumpet* were inadvertently identified with the incorrect date. The *Trumpet* regrets the error.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

2	Erev Shabbat Family Services	7:30 p.m.
3	Shabbat Zachor – Parshat Tetzaveh	9:30 a.m.
3	A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Purim or the Villain Punished	7:30 p.m.
4	JRF Evening of Celebration – MT Honorees Steve and Janet Mirsky at Oseh Shalom	5:00 p.m.
7	Erev Purim – Megillah reading	
8	Purim	

MISHKAN TORAH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

Paul Architzel for Howard Architzel
 Lois Darr for Lois Davis
 Karen Friedman for Philip Friedman
 Sanders & Lorraine Gerson for Estelle "Esther"
 Gerson
 Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller for Harold Gottlieb
 Max & Ruth Horlick for Harry Horlick
 Marcie Lissauer for Rosetta Lissauer
 Raphael, Susette, & Billy Panitz for Rabbi David H.
 Panitz
 Laurie Siegel for Lorraine Siegel
 Robert & Harold Silverman for Ida Silverman
 Stephen Solomon & family for Reuben Solomon
 Gil Weidenfeld for Saul Weidenfeld

In Memory of . . .

Seymour Ponemon by Gary & Niki Kohn

High Holiday Pledge

President's Club

Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller
 Joe Gurman
 Jackie & Arnold Kling
 Ronnie Scotkin & Ed Hickey
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser
 Diane & Mort Tuckman

High Holiday Pledge

Joe Tulman & Deborah Greenfield
 Beth & Phil Williams

Scholarship Fund

Jackie & Arnold Kling

Sustaining Fund

Barry Schlesinger
 Neil Goldstein

"MOTHER OF ALL CONCERTS" EXPECTED TO THRILL MISHKAN TORAH MAY 13

By Jeffrey Rosen

In the dreary cold of late January, it is comforting to contemplate the warmth of mid-May. This spring season at Mishkan Torah will even be more welcome, because on May 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. the Ways and Means Committee will present a concert of unprecedented proportion. This concert, which will take place on Mother's Day, will feature professional quality performances by no less than ten Mishkan Torah artists. The very scope of this event has caused Membership Co-Chairperson Phyllis Oresky to characterize it as "The Mother of All Concerts."

The concert will feature performances by two of last season's acclaimed Young Performers and older, more established Mishkan Torah artists. In keeping with the Ways and Means Committee's ongoing theme of "From Generation to Generation," the Committee is billing this concert as "Generations United."

The following Mishkan Torah stars of the first magnitude have agreed to appear at the grand event. In alphabetical order, they are Pianist Don Anderson; Pianist David Charney; Cantor Yael Fischman; Bassoonist and Young Leadership Award Winner Darelynn Fung; Young Performer and tenor Ben Greenfield; Cantor Phil Greenfield,

who needs no introduction; tenor Adam Juran; resident composer and bass Don Juran; Young Performer and French hornist Joshua Rosen; and soprano Nadine Wobus.

You can plan to enjoy Mother's Day brunch, or have a Mother's Day dinner and still attend the concert as part of your Mother's Day celebration. Tickets will go on sale in late March or early April, and further information regarding ticket price and sales will be released later. In the meantime, you should plan to keep the May 13 date open for the big event and mark your calendars. Don't miss it!

LAST CHANCE! – UNTIL NEXT YEAR

By Bill Schwartz, Treasurer

Elsewhere in this issue of the Trumpet, I am announcing the opening of a 30-day period for accepting applications for a disbursement from the Special Fund created for Jewish scholarship. It's not too late to make a donation to the Mishkan Torah Scholarship Fund to support the goal of this fund. Any donation you make will increase the size of the upcoming disbursement. Of course, your donations are welcome any time!

SISTERHOOD SAYS

by Irene Spector

Thanks to Debbie Brenner there was a really interesting column in last month's *Trumpet*. Thanks a million, Debbie.

I really hated missing so many interesting programs. In the midst of all the confusion of an unexpected move Sid ended up at the emergency room at Holy Cross Hospital and then to rehab at the Hebrew Home for excellent therapy. He is now on therapy at home (our new apartment in Leisure World).

Although I will have missed the book discussion meeting, led by Barbara Shansby, I hope to be able to get to the events that follow:

Sunday, February 12, 12 p.m. Wellness Afternoon.

There will be 2 sessions. In one session, **Facial Care and Make-up**, Gwen Viccarro, of Pleasant Touch in Greenbelt, will show us how to best care for our specific skin type and how to enhance our beauty. In the other session, Tina will lead us in **Laughter Yoga**. All levels of physical ability are welcome, even if you only want to do it from a chair. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you have one. There is no charge for this program, but bring a few dollars to be able to participate in our great raffles! Sisterhood members should feel free to bring a friend!

Sunday, March 18, 12 p.m. Pesach cooking. Call Niki for details.

Sunday, April 15, 1 - 3 p.m. Field Trip to the Radio and TV Museum in Bowie, MD. Call Niki to find out how to participate.

Sunday, April 29. Sixth Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale - just in time for Mother's Day. Call Eva Choper for all the information as well as to

volunteer your help for this event. (Set-up will take place Saturday evening after Shabbat.)

Thursday evening, May 24. Rosh Chodesh program, Ice Cream Social and elections. Niki or Eva can tell you all you need to know about this wonderful annual activity.

Sunday, June 10 - Donor Event. Plans are in the works and will be announced soon.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Mitzvah Cards. Get well, sympathy, Mazel Tov - \$3 per card and that includes postage and adds to your donor credits. Call Becky Hirsch for her speedy, efficient service.

Gift Shop. Need a special gift for a special occasion? Call Alyce Strasser (after 10:30 a.m., please) and arrange to meet her at the gift shop where she will help you select that important gift for that important occasion. Remember that 20% of your purchase price goes toward your donor.

Catering. We are looking for a few good organizers, cooks, chefs, bakers, and prep people that want to be on the committee to run catering. Please email Debbie at debra.brenner@gmail.com to join in the planning of upcoming events.

RHYME TIME

(Based on a Girl Scout song - remember?)

Moving! - what a job - I really must say,
 But we are blessed with children and grandkids who helped in every way.
 We had to say good-bye to good neighbors and to memories galore.
 One chapter ends, a new one begins, and we eagerly await whatever's in store.
 We'll make new friends but keep the old;
 the new ones are silver and the old ones are gold.

WAYS & MEANS ALREADY LOOKING TO NEXT YEAR

by Angie Carmel

The Ways & Means Committee reminds everyone to please donate canned and packaged nonperishable foods for the Greenbelt Food Bank.

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We are hard at work planning the following fun events during 2012:

March 3, 7:30 p.m. *A Purim Shpiel*. This is a highly hilarious musical play based on the story



of Purim—obviously—and is a revival of the successful 1987 event. (See Jeff Rosen's article in this Trumpet, as well as a copy of the flyer where you will find information as to how to make reservations for this must-see show. Copies of the flyer can also be found in the lobby of the synagogue, as well as a poster.) This is a family friendly event with family friendly prices.

April 21, 9:30 a.m. Keter Shem Tov honoring Angie Carmel and her late husband, Joe, of blessed memory. Look for additional information elsewhere in this Trumpet.

April 28, Coffee Klatch on the same day as the **Jewelry Sale**. Nosh a little, shop a little.

May 13, 2 p.m. Generations United Concert, the concert of all concerts starring, young performers as well as those not so young. The list of performers is getting longer every day. More information will be provided in the near future.

Sometime in October—two possible dates are before the committee—a double portion of **ROAST** when we will be saluting and humorously harassing Frank Pearlman as he turns 80 and Cantor Phil Greenfield as he turns 60. We will provide the exact details after coordination with Frank and Phil.

December 1. Young Leadership Award. This year our honorees will be Yael Fischman and Yoni Charry.

NEW MEMBERS, NEW IDEAS WELCOME

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. As you will see from the above schedule, we are going to be extremely busy again this year and will need as much help as we can get. If you are interested in helping out, even for just one event, please call me or simply show up for the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

NEWS FROM CHESAPEAKE JRF

by Jackie Land, JRF

Happy New Year! I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Productive 2012. Chesapeake JRF is busy at work preparing for our twenty-first Annual Celebration Sunday, March 4 at 5 p.m. at Oseh Shalom. An abridged reprint of the e-invitation can be found on page 14 of this Trumpet. The on-line version contains a complete list of honorees. Please register for the event, send in your tributes as soon as possible and pass this invitation along to others who may be interested in supporting this important event. We have come of age and we are looking forward to our best Annual Celebration yet.

The weekend of **February 10-12** we also have a special opportunity of education and spirituality open to the whole region: **Shabbaton 2012: Jewish Faith, Thought and Spirituality in the 21st Century**. Rabbi Art Green will be the guest speaker at Adat Shalom on Friday night February 10 and all day Saturday, February 11 and at Oseh Shalom on Sunday morning February 12th. The schedule and publicity fliers are attached to this newsletter. There is no charge for any of the events throughout the weekend. Reservations

are needed for Shabbat dinner at Adat Shalom on Friday, February 10. An overview of the schedule follows:

SHABBATON WITH RABBI ART GREEN

Friday, February 10, Adat Shalom

6:30 p.m. *Kabbalat Shabbat* and dinner (All are welcome; dinner reservations required; go to www.adatshalom.net "Welcoming Shabbat"

8 p.m. (All are welcome) "My Personal Journey: A Neo-Hasidic Rabbi In the Making"

Saturday, February 11, Adat Shalom

9:30 a.m. "From Sinai to Bethesda: Our Ongoing Journey"

1:15 p.m. An interactive *tisch* with Rabbi Green

2:30 p.m. Concurrent sessions led by lay people

4:30 p.m. *Mincha*

5 p.m. Text study with Rabbi Green: "A Fresh Look at the Hasidic Masters for Today's Seekers"

6:25 p.m. *Havdallah*

Sunday, February 12, Oseh Shalom

10 a.m. "The Mystical Tradition: Judaism for the 21st Century"

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM MT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by Bill Schwartz, Treasurer

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, 2012. 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 301-622-9353. *"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.*

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."

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by the twentieth of each month unless announced otherwise.

We are excited to invite you to our 21st Annual Chesapeake Region Celebration

Sunday, March 4 (Adar 10) at 5 p.m.

at Oseh Shalom
7515 Olive Branch Way
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Join us as we honor some outstanding leaders from each congregation and havurah in the Chesapeake Region including

Steve and Janet Mirsky

(For the complete list of honorees, see the website.)

Want To Attend the Event?

Single Adult Reservation: \$108	Sponsor Reservation: \$180
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Standard Reservation (no program book): \$72	Benefactor Reservation: \$500
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Want to Place an Ad in the Tribute Journal?

(This year's tribute journal pages will be 8½" x 11")

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COMING TO A SYNAGOGUE IN GREENBELT: KETER SHEM TOV

by Arlene Gottlieb

On April 21, Moshe (Joe) z"l and Angie Carmel will be honored with Mishkan Torah's *Keter Shem Tov* Award. I thought many of you, especially our newer members, would like to know why we have this award.

It started about 11 years ago when Ethel Rosenzweig, z"l, commented to her son, Dick, that we didn't have any ceremony to regularly honor our members. She had just left a funeral where a lot of nice things were said about the deceased, but it was too late for him to hear it. Ethel, along with her husband Ben, z"l, were original members who stuck with Mishkan Torah through thick and thin, and were the epitome of Mishkan Torah. And as Dick was relating this story, I agreed and was eager to do something to rectify that issue.



Ethel Rosenzweig, z"l, the primary inspiration for *Keter Shem Tov* and its first recipient, and her son Richard (Dick) the most recent honoree.

FINDING A NAME

First we needed a name for an award that reflected the honor--and Rabbi Cohen came up with *Keter Shem Tov* from *Pirke Avot*, 4:17. At the same time, we needed a recipient who personified "the crown of a good name is above them all." Our first honoree had to be Ethel Rosenzweig. So we honored Ethel; then we honored the Pearlman,

Hendels, Strassers, Tuckmans, Spevacks, Chopers, Silversteins, Sectors, and, last year, the original message carrier, Dick Rosenzweig.



This year we will honor the Carmels. Moshe was a very special person at Mishkan Torah and though he's no longer physically with us, he and Angie were always considered to be a team. They deserve to be honored together.

Keter Shem Tov has been my "baby" for the last 11 years, and a few people have been tremendously helpful all along the way--Alice Pearlman, z"l, Alyce Strasser, and Janet Davis. Many others continue to help make the day special for each honoree. We compile a Program/Memory book that friends and family contribute to. (I love to read all the stories and find out new things about our honorees.)

Keter Shem Tov for me is a labor of love. Ethel Rosenzweig was right: We didn't do enough to honor our members who give so much of themselves. But we do now!

You'll learn more about Angie and Joe in next month's *Trumpet*. But for now, put April 21 on your calendar so that you can come and celebrate with us. I guarantee, a memorable time will be had by all.

JANET & STEVE MIRSKY . . . from page 8

- replaced non-working globe lights and the emergency exit sign
- two new first aid kits (one in the kitchen and one in the school)
- a wall-mounted defibrillator and the required AED training
- new double doors to the furnace room and a new nursery room door
- two steel doors to the two crawl spaces
- a new steel door and frame to the back of the Karp Family School, which faces the parking lot.

Both Steve and Janet love traveling, and they have been to Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Paris, Slovakia, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Steve is a collector of Kiddush cups from all over the world. Since retirement, Janet is a docent on Tuesdays at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History. We are lucky to have them both and urge everyone to come out and support them on March 5.

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THEY ARE THE DAUGHTERS OF THIS YEAR'S KETER SHEM TOV HONOREES, MOSHE (JOE), Z"L, AND ANGIE CARMEL. HOW DID THIS AWARD COME INTO BEING? SEE PAGE 15 FOR ITS HISTORY.

**Come celebrate February birthdays with
your Mishkan Torah Family at Shabbat
services on February 25.**