



## MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 5772 . . .

by Jackie Kling, President

The winter membership meeting marked the first quarter of my term as president. I hope those who attended found it informative and, equally important, a chance to spend a relaxing morning with other members over delicious bagels and omelets prepared by Steve and Janet Mirsky. The agenda consisted of reports on our finances and reports from committee chairpersons.



Financially, we are holding our own and we have four new members. There were many accolades for Steve Mirsky on his continued work to improve the security of our building and for Angie Carmel and the Ways and Means committee on their outstanding programming so far this year. There is much to look forward to from both of these groups in 2012 and you will find it all in future editions of the *Trumpet*. For those who were not at the meeting I want to mention two important items that were discussed. The first is about parking along Westway and the second is about developing a plan for catering now that Alyce Strasser has retired from this position after many delicious years of service.

With regard to parking, we have been asked by our neighboring residents not to park along a stretch of Westway on Saturday morning so

that they may have easy access between their cars and homes while doing weekend errands. Upon exiting our building and walking along Westway toward Crescent Rd. there are 6 - 8 spaces on the **right hand side** that are directly in front of homes. These are the spaces that we have been asked not to use. There are plenty of spaces on other parts of Westway as well as along Ridge Road. We also have our own parking lot that is available for use. Let's be good neighbors by respecting this simple request.

With regard to catering, I will be convening a meeting to discuss how we will provide food for our various functions. If you would like to be a part of this discussion, have ideas, or be part of the solution please contact me immediately. We will meet in January to develop a plan. This is an important and necessary service. Please consider how you can contribute.

The first half of 2012 promises to provide many exciting opportunities to come together as a community. Everyone is invited to the Tu B'Shevat seder

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### SAVE THE DATE

April 21, 2012

**KETER SHEM TOV**

Honoring

**Joe, z"l, and Angie Carmel**

## RABBI EXPLAINS CONNECTION BETWEEN YOM HASHOAH & 17 TEVET

The tenth day of the Hebrew month of *Tevet* – which this year falls on January 5 – is one of the minor fast days in Judaism, observed from sunrise to sunset. In a sense it is the opposite of Hanukkah, which it follows by a week. While Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple following its defilement at the hands of Antiochus and his minions, the tenth of *Tevet* commemorates the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylonia – an event that culminated in the destruction of the First Temple and the exile of the Jewish people.

To be honest, the tenth of *Tevet* is completely ignored by the overwhelming number of the world's Jews. (Indeed, I suspect that the vast majority of them have never even heard of it.) And this situation is not unique to



our own time. Over the centuries, traditionalists have attempted to get Jews to observe the fast by attaching other calamities to the date. Thus, the early rabbis used the tenth of *Tevet* to lament the translation of the Hebrew

Bible into Greek by the Jews of Alexandria, Egypt, in the century before the events that gave rise to Hanukkah. The rabbis saw the translation as the first step on a slippery slope that threatened to lead to the complete assimilation of the Jewish people into Gentile culture.

In more recent times, there was an effort to revive the observance of the tenth of *Tevet* as the day to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust. As Rabbi Yitz Greenberg explains it, one of the deep issues in dealing with the Holocaust has always been the issue of continuity or discontinuity. Given the totality of the tragedy, was this event something unique or just another in the long list of tribulations, expulsions, disasters that mark Jewish history?

Classically, tradition tried to commemorate a new event by attaching it to an existing commemoration, preferably an anniversary date such as Passover, Hanukkah, or *Tisha b'Av*. But what could be the anniversary of the

Holocaust? This was no one-time affair; it went on year-round for years. Perhaps a period of the year should be set aside, but when?

So massive was the scale of the Holocaust killing and so reckless its speed that for most of the dead there was no firm knowledge of the *Yahrzeit*, the actual date of death. Indeed, for many of the dead there were no survivors of the immediate family to say *Kaddish*. Finally, in 1948, after some earlier incidents and rulings crystallized the question, the Israeli rabbinate proposed a *Yom Kaddish Klali*, a general Day of *Kaddish* to be said for all those for whom there were relatives to say the prayer but no known date of death, and for those for whom there was no relative to say *Kaddish*. The day chosen was the tenth day of *Tevet*.

The choice of the tenth of *Tevet* is worthy of examination. Of the four days of mourning for the Temple, *Tisha b'Av* was the strongest in terms of participation by the Jewish people. The 17th of *Tammuz* was far less widely observed. The third fast day, *Tzom Gedaliah* (the day after *Rosh Hashanah*), was more neglected yet. Of all the fast days, however, the tenth of *Tevet* was by far the least observed. Indeed, the day had faded to a marginal existence except in the most traditional circles. This is the day of mourning that could benefit most from an injection of new meaning and from connection to a new constituency. In short, the choice of the tenth of *Tevet* for an annual Holocaust commemoration day was designed to shore up its dwindling relevance.

In other words, rather than coming to grips with the awesome emotional, historical, and theological weight of the Holocaust, the rabbinate still was operating under the sign of the destruction of the Temple. For the rabbinate, that was the catastrophe of record. Far from considering that the Holocaust was too massive to be subsumed within existing rubrics, far from confronting the Holocaust as a category-shattering event, the rabbinate sought to incorporate this *hurban* (destruction) within an existing *halakhic* pattern in order to strengthen that pattern.

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But the rabbinate's ruling fell totally flat. There was no intrinsic connection between the Holocaust and the tenth of *Tevet*. Nevertheless, the Israeli public demanded that a day be set aside to commemorate the Holocaust – or to use its Hebrew name, the *Shoah*. One group that was particularly insistent on this point were the ex-ghetto fighters, partisans, and members of the underground resistance to the Nazis. During the Holocaust, Zionist youth groups had been particularly active in armed resistance. A number of these fighters had come to Israel and had been absorbed into the Labor Party establishment. As they saw it, the day should commemorate not only the dead but also the armed resistance against the Nazis. For the ghetto fighters, there was only one day worthy of being a memorial anniversary for the *Shoah* – April 19, the first day of the greatest revolt of all, the Warsaw ghetto uprising that held the Nazis at bay for a lot longer than had the entire French army.

But the Orthodox Jews would have none of it. *Yom Hashoah* would necessarily be a day of mourning, sadness and destruction. Passover was a happy day, full of food, family, and assurance of faith. To impose *Yom Hashoah* on such a day or the festival days following, would utterly negate its character; it would cripple the holiday that was the very heart of Judaism. The Orthodox were ready to accede to a day dedicated totally to the memory of the Holocaust, but they would not allow that day to destroy Passover.

Clearly, a compromise had to be found. For two years, in the *Knesset*, the two main antagonists over the commemoration bill blocked each other. The turning point came in late 1950 when earnest bargaining began. The ghetto fighters and their allies wanted a special day, as close to as possible to the beginning of Passover. They would accept no date later than May 16, the date on which Jurgen Stroop, the German general, declared that the ghetto was totally destroyed. The Orthodox wanted to push the date as far forward as possible from Passover – ideally into the next month of *Iyar*,

so as not to infringe on the prohibitions of mourning and eulogies in the month of Passover.

The Labor Zionist establishment provided the swing vote that decided the outcome. They agreed with the Orthodox that Passover should be spared and they felt that Holocaust Commemoration Day should precede Israel Independence Day, which occurred on the fifth of *Iyar*. In their minds, the spiritual meaning of the Holocaust was inextricably tied to the foundation of the State.

Finally, after much negotiating and sparring, the deal was struck (there were even rumors of job trading and other payoffs to obtain the necessary agreement, although a number of the key negotiators deny that story to this day). As close to Passover as possible turned out to be the 27th of *Nissan*. For the Orthodox, this was a breach of the unmitigated joyfulness of the month. Setting this date for mourning directly violated a *halakhic* tradition, albeit a minor one. Indeed, the right-wing Orthodox were so unhappy that they have never accepted this date. There could be no compromise of a even a tiny detail of the *halakha*. To somewhat assuage their feelings, the Orthodox were granted a further concession: If the memorial date fell on a Friday or Saturday, it would be postponed until Sunday.

### SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 4

Time: 5 p.m.

Event: Annual JRF Honors

Place: Oseh Shalom in Laurel

MT Honorees: Steve and Janet Mirsky

### THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

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In the Way of Jewish Gifts

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To Arrange a Shopping Visit

## PRESIDENT MAKES REQUEST, ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION . . .Continued from page 1

sponsored by the Karp Family School on February 3. The annual Super Bowl party is on February 5. On March 3, jokes, puns, and hilarity will fly from the *bimah* during a gala, full-length Purim Schpiel production. The annual JRF Evening of Honors will take place on March 4 when Steve and Janet Mirsky will be the very deserving honorees from Mishkan Torah. Then, on April 21,

we will proudly honor Angie Carmel as well as her late husband Joe, z"l, as our *Keter Shem Tov*. The choir will be on hand to enhance the celebration. The Ways & Means committee has a spectacular lineup of multi-generational talent for another one of its very popular concerts on May 13.

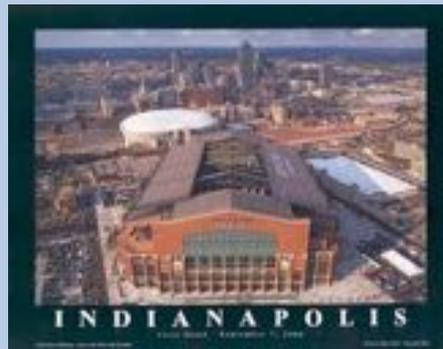
Start the secular New Year off by putting these events on your calendar!

It's a Long Time Between Hanukkah and Tu B'Shevat,  
But at Mishkan Torah We Have a New Tradition  
To Chase Away Those Winter Blues

### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY! Sunday, February 5



Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.  
THE SAME GREAT MENU. . .  
THE SAME GREAT VENUE. . .  
NO LIKELIHOOD OF ENNUI. . .  
JUST BRING A SPOUSE OR BUDDY!  
SUPER BOWL XLVI



ADMISSION STILL ONLY \$10 Per Person  
(OR FREE IF YOUR RENEW YOUR MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP!)

## LAST SEEN IN 1987, A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE PURIM SET FOR MARCH PERFORMANCE; ACTORS NEEDED

by Jeffrey Rosen

At Mishkan Torah, where it is always Purim, the Ways and Means Committee will usher in the 2012 Purim season by presenting a revised revival of the 1987 hit "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Purim, or The Villain Punished."

The show will be presented on Saturday evening, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. The musical retells the Purim story, and features a score borrowed from Broadway, opera, Gilbert and Sullivan, and good old rock 'n' roll. The parodies include such hits as "We Jews Don't Bow!" and "We're Going to the Gallows and We're Going to Hang Haman!" This new production contains a dozen musical numbers, including several additions to the 1987 performance.

### AUDITIONS JANUARY 19

You can even be a part of the show.

Casting is open for any age for most parts save a few that have already been cast. Auditions are to be held January 19 at seven in the evening with rehearsals through the month of February. Anyone who would like to audition should advise Assistant Director Jeffrey Rosen by email at <boysies.rosen@verizon.net> or by phone at 240-393-2601. Come try out and lend your talent to the joyful Purim season!

Real life fiancés Ben Greenfield and Rachel White will star as the royal couple King Ahasuerus and King Esther. Dave Herschler

will direct the show. Evil villainy will come in the detestable shape of that despicable perfect picture of a potentate prime minister, Haman. You will have a full opportunity to boo and hiss that man you love to hate! The other Purim characters such as the noble Mordechai and harridan Queen Vashti will also be there, along with assorted characters such as Royal Chamberlains, doo-whopping plotters, Miss Upper Lower Turkestan, and Lady Debita, the Lord High Royal Auditor. You won't want to miss it!

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets for the show are on sale now. The cost for the whole evening is only ten dollars for adults and five dollars for children. You may order tickets directly from the Synagogue using the flier found elsewhere in this issue of *The Trumpet* or you can make reservations on our website, <www.MishkanTorah.org> and by following the prompts.

The gala evening will also feature the Passover Wine sale, light refreshments, and other surprises in the Mishkan Torah tradition. It will be an unforgettable night for all ages!

## CONCERT SPECTACULAR COMING IN MAY

By Jeffrey Rosen

When you unwrap your new 2012 datebook, be certain to turn to May 13 at two o'clock, and do whatever it is you do to mark something special! At that time, the Ways and Means Committee will present the culmination of the committee's "From Generation to Generation" theme with the most dazzling array of musical talent ever presented on the Mishkan Torah stage. The concert will feature performances by some of last year's acclaimed Young Performers as well as by established, older classically trained, Mishkan Torah artists in the first ever Generations United Concert.

A galaxy of Mishkan Torah artists has provisionally agreed to appear. They include, in alphabetical order: Pianist Don Anderson; Cantor Yael Fischman; Bassoonist and Young Leadership Award winner Darelynn Fung; Young Performer and tenor Ben Greenfield; our one and only Cantor Phil Greenfield; resident composer and bass Don Juran; Young Performer and French hornist Joshua Rosen; and soprano Nadine Wobus.

That the Concert will take place on the afternoon of Mother's Day befits a concert commemorating generational change. Plan to take your mother to the concert right after your Mother's Day Brunch! Keep watching this spot for future details about this unprecedented event as they emerge, including details on the ticket prices and ordering. In the meantime, keep the May 13 date open! You will be glad you did. Don't miss this one!

Mishkan Torah presents the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.mishkantorah.org/purim-spiel)

### SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

by Andrea Weiss

Thanks to all who supported the Red Cross Blood Drive held at Mishkan Torah in December. We collected 19 usable pints of blood, which is a good yield for a short blood drive.

We would like to remind everyone that the economic situation continues to create great hardship for many in our community. As we have for the last three years, Social Action is collecting warm outerwear for the children of Springhill Lake Elementary School. Please consider donating coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the children. There is a box in the coatroom for this purpose. We ask that the garments be new, or, with the exception of the hats, gently used. If one invests a little bit of time, it is not difficult to find very affordable items in the stores at this time of year, and also in the local thrift shops.

Please also continue to make food donations for the Greenbelt Food Pantry housed at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Canned fruits and vegetables, as well as staples like peanut butter, jelly, tuna, and cereal are especially needed. Those who would like to donate more can send a check to Ronnie Scotkin, made out to Mishkan Torah, with Greenbelt Cares in the memo line. The money will be used to purchase Giant scrip to be given out by Greenbelt Cares.

A big thank you to the members of our community who signed up to volunteer at Safe Haven, the homeless shelter that is housed at the Greenbelt Community Church, during Christmas week.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will be on Sunday morning, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us.

## SOCIAL ACTION CLOTHING DRIVE

Please donate new and gently used children's coats, scarves, & gloves as well as **NEW** hats.



Collection box in the coatroom!

Or send a donation check payable to Mishkan Torah with "Social Action" on the memo line, and we will purchase the clothing for you.

Donations will be given to the children of



Spring Hill Lake Elementary School.

## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	New Year's Day	
5	Fast of the Tenth of Tevet	
6	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Family Services	7:30 p.m.
7	<i>Shabbat Vayechi</i>	9:30 a.m.
13	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
14	<i>Shabbat Shemot</i>	9:30 p.m.
15	Yiddish Club	10 a.m.
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
20	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
21	<i>Shabbat VaEra</i>	9:30 p.m.
27	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
24	<i>Shabbat Bo</i> : January Birthdays Celebrated	9:30 a.m.

## JANUARY YAHRZEITS

### January 6

Ida Silverman\*  
Rhoda Tzemach\*  
Emma Froehlich\*  
Cecile Spiegel\*  
Matilda Searle  
Lorraine Siegel  
Paul Ginsburg\*  
Estelle "Esther" Gerson\*  
Mathew H. Ahmann  
Maxwell Ehrlich\*

### January 13

Paul Kugel\*  
Robert Feingold  
Philip Minson

Isidore Reuben\*  
Rosetta Lissauer  
Lois Davis Darr  
Reuben Solomon\*  
Rachel "Rae" Algaze\*  
Dora Feingold  
Harry Horlick  
Jennie Stone  
Harry Morris\*  
Louis Wallach\*

### January 20

Philip Friedman

Lena Kramer\*

### January 27

Howard Architzel

### January 27 (continued)

Anne Belle Schultz  
Sherry Hyde\*  
Helen Presky  
Nathan Diamond\*  
Abraham Barnowsky\*  
Adrienne Kaufman  
Raymond Oster\*  
Harold Gottlieb  
Saul Weidenfeld  
Rabbi David H. Panitz  
Marian Kramer\*  
Isadore Goldberg\*  
Gertrude Alster\*  
Scott Krasnick

## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

3	Karp School Tu B'Shevat Seder	6:30 p.m.
3	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Family Services	7:30 p.m.
4	<i>Shabbat Shirah – Parshat Beshalach</i>	9:30 a.m.
5	Men's Club Super Bowl Party	5:30 p.m.
8	Tu B'Shevat	
10	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	7:30 p.m.
11	<i>Shabbat Yitro</i>	9:30 a.m.
12	Yiddish Club	10 a.m.

## MISHKAN TORAH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

### Yahrzeits

Cheryl & Alan Gerring for Arthur Butler  
Marsha, Alan, Adam, Michael, Leah Goldfine  
for Dorothy Berkowitz  
L. Gordon for Frances Gordon  
Shirley Griffin for Dora & Charles Friedman  
Annie Haber & family for Frank Haber  
Sonya Hunt for Dora & Charles Friedman  
Susette, Raphael & Billy Panitz for Lottie Lee  
Mottzman  
Frank Pearlman for Jennie Pearlman  
Harise Poland for Ross Korz  
Richard, Ellen & Adam Rubin for Rudy Rubin &  
Jean Morris  
Richard & Marie Selleh for Anne Winter  
Marilynn L. Sheetz for Ada Levy Barnowsky  
Laurie E. Siegel for Marilyn Levine  
Leonard Siegel for Rhoda Siegel  
Elaine Skolnik for David Skolnik & Mary Cohen  
Irene & Sid Spector for Nathan Singer &  
Jeanne Axelrod  
David & Linda Spevack for Marc J Spevack  
Alyce & Arnold Strasser for Max Fuchs &  
Golde Epstein  
Nadine Wobus for Melvin Adelson

### High Holiday Pledge

#### President's Club

Debbie & Ed Brenner  
David Granite & Mary Lou Oster-Granite  
Steven & Janet Mirsky  
Jeff & Sara Rosen  
Bill Schwartz & Chris Doyle  
Susan & Stephen Ungar

### High Holiday Pledge

Don & Sheila Anderson  
Nicole Burton  
David & June Charney  
Judith Karpen  
Raphael & Susette Panitz  
Mark Shroder & Susan Keller  
Alan & Sharon Sokol

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Karen Friedman & the Passman family in  
memory of Stephen L. Passman

### Kiddush Club

Kiddush Club Volunteers by Jeff & Sara Rosen

### In Honor of Rusty Mason & the Augusta Swing Ensemble

Ron & Rae Brooks  
Angie Carmel  
Jordan & Eva Choper  
Janet Davis  
Sam & Lois Fields  
Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller  
Sidney Kirschner & Lynne Masterson  
Dan & Madeline Lowery  
Jeffrey & Sara Rosen  
Linda & David Spevack

### In Honor of . . .

Rabbi Cohen; Cantor Phil Greenfield; Angie  
Carmel & the Ways & Means Committee;  
Rachel White & the Choir; the Three Young  
Performers; Brian Choper & the New  
Klezmer quintet; Rusty Mason & the  
Augusta Swing Ensemble; Frank Pearlman  
by Jeffrey & Sara Rosen

### Marc Spevack Youth Activities Fund

In honor of David & Linda Spevack by Jeff &  
Sara Rosen

### Sustaining Fund

Sidney Kirschner & Lynne Masterson

## 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 scheduled  
for April 22 from 10:30 a.m.  
until we are finished.

For more information  
contact Eva Choper.

## SISTERHOOD SAYS . . .

by Debbie Brenner for Irene Spector

As I write this column, Irene is in the middle of moving. After 56 years in their house in Silver Spring, she and Sid are moving to Leisure World. She is currently without a computer and asked me to write this column. I will try to fill you in on all the Sisterhood happenings of late.

As you know, our main November activity, the Rummage Sale, was quite lucrative. Thanks again go to Barbara Shansby for her fantastic coordination of volunteers, publicity and clean-up. Thanks also to her crew who worked tirelessly to make it successful. Barbara is currently chairing an ad hoc committee to investigate alternatives to our yearly sale. If you have any ideas on the subject, please contact Barbara; all ideas are welcome.

In December, we had a tzedakah activity, once again led by Liz Ahmann. Many of us came together on a Sunday afternoon to chat and have a light lunch while making Linus blankets for kids in crisis. Liz had cut a variety of colorful fleece material for blankets and we added fringe to give the blankets a finished and homey look. We made about two dozen blankets, which Liz will give to CASA, a local organization for kids in the foster care system. To be a bit different, and to see how it would look, I cut one of the blankets into 4 pieces and made scarves for our collection of winter outerwear for kids in local Springhill Lake community. I think they came out great. (Look for the pictures of this activity in this Trumpet.) After this activity, many of us stayed and enjoyed Rusty Mason's blues concert. It turned out to be a great day all around.

Coming up in January, we will have our second annual book review. This year, our book is *Day After Night*, by Anita Diamant. (You may have read her book, *The Red Tent*.) The book is about several women in a British displaced persons camp after World War II, awaiting entry into Palestine. It is an interesting book to read (or listen to the audio version), so join us at noon on January 22 for lunch and discussion. Sisterhood member,



Liz Ahmann and Debbie Brenner show a couple of the scarves produced in December for Springhill Lake youngsters.

Sonia Garin, will be our guest speaker to share her recollections of that time period. Please come join us! Note: You do not have to read the book to come.

Mark your calendars now to join us for a Wellness Afternoon, with yoga and talks on nutrition

and other relevant topics,

on February 12. More information on that event will be available soon. Further in the future, we will be doing Pesach cooking on March 18—learn some new recipes before the holiday. We will have a field trip to the Radio and Television Museum in Bowie on April 15.

One last thing to mention: April 29 will be the 6th Annual Jewelry Sale. I cannot believe we have been doing this so long, but it is a lot of fun and profitable, too! If you have any jewelry that you are tired of, it may find a good home with someone else. Call Eva Choper to donate it to Sisterhood! Call her also if you have time to volunteer with the sale... it is a great way to earn some donor credit! And, by the way, the donor event has not been announced yet, but it will be on June 10, so hold that date!

As I finish this column, I wish the best to Irene and Sid in their new home. I am sure they will stay active members of Mishkan Torah, as they have for so many years. I also want to send a special thanks to Alyce Strasser, who has officially stepped down from the helm of Sisterhood catering.

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## BOOK DISCUSSION SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT NOON

### *DAY AFTER NIGHT*, A NOVEL BY ANITA DIAMANT

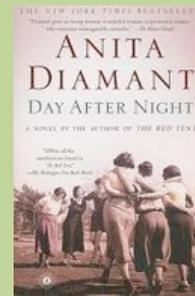
From Barnes & Noble . . .

This striking novel by the author of *The Red Tent* is based on a dramatic true story: In October 1945, more than 200 "illegal immigrant" prisoners at the Atlit internment camp in Palestine were freed. The story of this rescue, the friendships it forged, and its aftermath is told through the words of four young women who at first seem to share little except their incarceration. Zorah is a concentration camp survivor; Leonie, a Parisian beauty; Shayndel, an ideological Polish Zionist; and Tedi, a formerly hidden Dutch Jew. As always, Anita Diamant constructs her plot with the dignity and moral force of a biblical story. Fiction that makes history real.

We will have a book discussion with special guest Sonia Garin, who will talk about her experiences as a young woman in Palestine.

Rhoda Minda Sherman will also share information specifically related to the history in the book.

Pizza and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP (so we know how much to order!) to Niki Kohn (email: <NikiEKohn13@verizon.net> or phone: 301-474-8423)



### SISTERHOOD SAYS . . . from page 10

She did a fabulous job coordinating so many events, and we will all miss her in that role. I also thank husband Arnold for all his behind the scenes support. If any member of Sisterhood or of the shul is interested in getting involved in the kitchen on any level, please contact me and we can talk. Alyce is still running the gift shop, so call her if you'd like to view any Judaic items for yourself or for a gift. She will meet you at your mutual convenience and guide you in your purchase.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy secular new year. Please stay in touch with all your Sisterhood friends, and pick at least one activity to join us in the new year. You'll be glad you did!

#### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**Mitzvah Cards** - sympathy, mazel tov, get well, etc. \$3 per card and that includes postage. Also, this helps build up your donor points. Call Becky Hirsch for speedy efficient service.

**Gift Shop:** Call Alyce to arrange to look at the beautiful gifts available. There is always a holiday or special occasion coming up when you need something special. Remember, 20% of your purchase price goes toward your donor.

Diane Tuckman invites everyone to the opening reception for a photographic exhibition featuring works by Diane and seven other artists titled

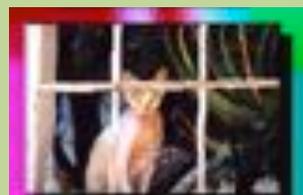
### “AS I SEE IT”

Sunday, January 8

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

at the Ratner Museum

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One of Diane's Photos

The show will run through January 29.

## WAYS & MEANS LOOKS FOR BIG FINISH TO YEAR

by Angie Carmel

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

### RUSTY MASON & THE AUGUSTA SWING ENSEMBLE

Thank you to everyone who attended the concert on December 11 and enjoyed a wonderful evening. Thanks to Dan Lowery, the sanctuary was arranged with tables and chairs around the perimeter, with plenty of space in the middle for dancing. At one point, Rusty reminded everyone that the space in the middle of the floor was for dancing, and that area soon filled up with people taking advantage of the area. Rusty and the Augusta Swing Ensemble were amazing, and when Brian Choper and his drums joined them on the stage, that completed the enjoyment. Thanks go to Rusty and the Augusta Swing Ensemble, Brian, and especially Chana Mason for bringing this concert to Mishkan Torah. Finally, thank you to the Ways & Means Committee members for all their hard work during 2011.

### EVENTS SET FOR 2012 (SO FAR)

**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 1987 successful event. Auditions will be held in January. 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 event.



**April 21, 9:30 a.m. – Keter Shem Tov** – Honoring the Carmel name.

**May 13, 2 p.m. – “Generations United”** –

This is another big concert starring young performers and those not so young and marks the culmination of our two-year “From Generation to Generation” theme. Also, watch out for other surprise events during the course of 2012.

## WARM NIGHTS PROGRAM A HIT

by Niki Kohn

Sisterhood had a wonderful turnout for our December 11 Craft and Tzedakah program.

THANK YOU to all who participated, making beautiful fleece blankets and bringing in supplies to be given to needy families.

CASA (Court Appointed Foster Care Program of Prince George's County) was so appreciative of the blankets and our efforts that they will be mentioning our gift in their newsletter under “communities helping communities”!

We collected 25 bath towels, 9 hand towels, 17 pillowcases and an enormous amount of travel size hygiene supplies. The organization Community Crisis Services, Inc. who sponsor Warm Nights were overjoyed!

Warm Nights is the only hypothermia shelter in the Metro DC area serving families with children in need of emergency shelter.

Below: Samples of the blankets made and the toiletries collected for the Warm Nights project.



## MASON, AUGUSTA SWING ENSEMBLE TRANSPORT MT TO '30's & '40's

by Jeffrey Rosen

Legendary local jazzman Rusty Mason (who just happens to be the husband of Mishkan Torah Member Chana Mason) and the Augusta Swing Ensemble took a rapt and enthralled Mishkan Torah audience back to the days of the Cotton Club with a concert of classic 30's and 40's swing music. Rusty, on tenor saxophone was joined by pianist Robert Redd, bassist John Previti, and later by Mishkan Torah's own drummer Brian Choper, put on a clinic of "straight ahead jazz;" which is to say music that is spontaneous, never scripted, and which is developed from the magical interplay of the musicians.

The program took off from Duke Ellington's classic "Take the 'A' Train" and continued through a variety of other pieces, which had the entranced audience clapping along, tapping their feet, or swing dancing out on the floor. As the possible high point, singer Wendi Bourne, who was in attendance, came out of the crowd and gave a lights-out rendition of the Gershwin standard "They Can't Take That Away From Me." Ms. Bourne followed up by improvising with the eighty-nine year old Rusty a scat duet which simply had to be seen and heard to be believed. Later, when Mr. Redd had to leave, Rusty showed his versatility by moving right over to the piano without missing a beat.

The concert, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee, was a memorable and unique occasion, featuring real jazz, which is the unique American musical art form.



Above: Robert Redd on piano, John Previti on bass, & Rusty Mason on sax, were joined by Wendi Bourne for a couple of vocals. Below: Rae Brooks and her mother, Elsie Forbes, were only two of the dancers who took the floor.



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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE

by Barbara Shansby

This was another very successful rummage sale for Sisterhood. The number of hours worked and the money that we raised are even more impressive because we only had a week to get everything done, and there were many times that I thought it just might not happen! But so many people stepped up to help out, that somehow it all amazingly worked. Thank you, thank you to everyone who contributed in any way—by bringing donations, by buying at the sale, and by helping with the physical tasks.

A special thanks goes to Bret Goldstein, Darelynn Fung and all their bar mitzvah guests who helped to transport a week's worth of donations from the classroom downstairs to the side rooms of the sanctuary. It was just amazing to walk in on Sunday morning and see those boxes and bags already in place. And thanks to Ron Brooks, Dan Lowery and others for all their help with the logistics, chairs, etc.

This year the sisterhood members with the most hours working on rummage were co-chair Debbie Brenner, Nancy Gerstel and her

friend Stella, Eva Choper, Janet Davis and Rhoda Minda Sherman.

Leah Choper, Liz Ahmann and Alex Saviet, Melanie Fishkind, Jackie Kling, Lois Darr, Mary Kaigler, and Niki Kohn also deserve special thanks for working long hours. More thanks to members who answered the call: Martha Tomecek, Marla Goldberg, Robin Olsen, Phyllis Oresky, Carol Levy, Lois Fields, Becky Hirsch, Renna Komisar, Harise Poland, Andrea Weiss, Nadine Wobus, Marsha Salzberg, Marcia Lissauer, Jan Bloom, Eva Garin, Annie Haber, Ethel and Joel Harris and Ellen Weiss. And still more thanks go to those with special tasks: Paula and Melissa Volk coordinated and cooked for the bake sale and Judy Gallant made lovely signs for pricing. Joan and David Goldenberg and Irv Wartell pitched in at the end for clean up, which was also greatly appreciated.

This year, with so much happening so quickly I'm afraid that I may have missed someone, and so include yet another thank you shout out to all those who make the rummage sale possible!

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