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## WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MEMOIR

by Steven Mirsky

Dear Friends,

More than 40 congregants attended our winter membership meeting on December 13. Meeting minutes from the summer 2009 membership meeting were read by Janet Davis and approved without modification. Bill Schwartz provided a budget update, which indicated that we are doing reasonably well in terms of income and expenses and, barring any unforeseen large expenditures, we should be able to end the year with a balanced budget. (Thank you for "tabbing one up!") This, of course, depends on all the pledges and membership dues being paid and large turnouts at our exciting fund raising events planned for the winter and spring. Bill also presented the special funds status, which showed two payments for new teaching aids for the Karp Family School as well as a recent school activity. The special funds accounts showed receipts of additional funds from our operating budget to the capital reserve fund and interest on our accounts. The special funds most in need of donations are the MT scholarship fund and the landscape fund; so, if you are considering a special funds donation, please consider these.

### Adult Ed To Focus on Holocaust

Ronnie Scotkin from the Adult Education Committee announced that it will be focusing on the Holocaust for its next activities, which include the ongoing Monday night showing of the TV series, *Holocaust*. It was suggested that members of MT with a close connection to or who are actual survivors of the Holocaust be invited to speak. Hal Rappaport from the

Publicity Committee stated that more use of the internet for advertising Mishkan Torah is being planned.

A request was put forth for nominations of names for the Nominating Committee. The members unanimously approved the appointment of Linda Spevack, Ed Brenner and Liz Ahmann, who will be looking to fill any empty Board slots for next year.

### Electronic Trumpet Discussed

A discussion ensued regarding the forthcoming request for members to receive electronic versions of the *Trumpet* in lieu of paper copies. As I noted in my article last month, the Mishkan Torah *Trumpet* is now available on-line at our website [www.mishkantorahsynagogue.org](http://www.mishkantorahsynagogue.org). Sending members a link to it instead of a printed copy would be a significant financial savings for our synagogue and for the environment. Although there was a disagreement as to preference by individuals, the consensus was to send an e-mail to those members with e-mail addresses and request that they specifically reply stating that they want to receive it electronically.

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### 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.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEATURED LIVELY DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

### E-mail Update Essential

No response will be taken as a decision to continue to receive paper copies. This is a change to what I proposed last month, but it makes sense and prevents any misunderstandings in communication. Hopefully, by the time you read this, you will have received the e-mail request. *It is very important to let MT know if you e-mail address has changed (and what the new one is!); or if you and any significant other in your family have separate e-mail addresses and want notices sent to each e-mail address.* You will be given several weeks to respond by e-mail.

Please consider "opting in" to an electronic delivery of the *Trumpet*. You will be pleasantly surprised at the quality of the electronic version while knowing that you are saving MT expenses and reducing our carbon footprint, since each tree saved constitutes preservation of a natural and biological form of carbon sequestration.

### Open High Holiday Seating Approved

The most engaged discussion was held on the issue of future seating for the High Holidays. Last year's open seating was an experiment, but this time the members were asked to vote on whether to permanently continue open seating, go back to assigned seating, or some hybrid.

Everyone present had the opportunity to express his or her opinion. After all comments were presented, a vote was held and, by a very large (almost unanimous) majority, the members voted to continue the High Holiday open seating for the future. It is not a perfect system, but many of the issues from this meeting can be easily remedied. We can use prominent signs to indicate when a seat is occupied by someone who has briefly vacated his seat because he is on the bima or otherwise temporarily indisposed. People can be reminded to fill in gaps in the rows so as to allow more available seats.

Along with special needs aisle seats, special seats can be assigned to members with medical issues such as "fan flickering light syndrome" or FFLS. Finally, members were reminded not to

judge others who appear to be healthy, but sit in the seats reserved for special needs. Sometimes a person may have a medical condition that is not obvious, but still warrants such seating. Please keep this in mind during the High Holidays when we all strive to achieve a higher level of behavior and respect.

### Matching Funds for Chairs Offered

On the subject of seats, two other items of interest were brought to my attention at the Membership Meeting. Ed and Debbie Brenner have generously offered to match any donations for the purpose of purchasing additional new chairs up to a maximum total of \$300. Depending on the current price of these chairs, a total contribution of \$600 (up to \$300 from members and the matching \$300 from the Brenner Family) could result in as many as 20 additional new seats. Your donation will have twice the impact because of Ed and Debbie's offer. For us to take advantage, please make any contributions payable to Mishkan Torah with the note of new chairs on your check no later than April 30, 2010. This will allow us time to order and receive the new chairs prior to the High Holidays.

The other seat related item involves the chairs on the *bima*. Diane Tuckman pointed out that these seats are worn and in need of re-upholstering or replacement. The Board will consider this request and evaluate it within the context of our budget, special funds (there is one for *Bima* Improvement), and its priority.

Thank you to all the Board Members and congregants who attended the meeting, expressed their opinions, and voted on the key issues that were presented to them.

### YIDDISH CLUB MEETINGS SET

January 17	March 21	May 16
February 21	April 11	June 13

All meetings are Sundays and begin at 10:30 a.m.

## SISTERHOOD SAYS . . .

By Irene Spector

Thanks to Barbara Shansby and all of the Sisterhood members, we had a very successful Rummage Sale.

Another successful event was the Karp Family School Book Fair. There was a good turnout and, thanks to Nikki Burton, there were six authors who read excerpts from their books. The books were then available for purchase and signing by the authors.

On December 12 there was a Chanukah latke party. Although Sid and I were unable to be there, we hear it was a very entertaining evening with latkes, music, dancing, and games.



Darelynn Fung and Diane Rubinstein prepared the healthier courses for the Chanukah Party. Photo by Steve Mirsky

### Upcoming Events Calendar

**Saturday, January 30** at 7 p.m. (snow date February 8) - Come to the Cabaret and be prepared for an exciting and entertaining evening featuring our own Becky and Mark Silverstein presenting a diverse program of music. Please send in the reservation form and check by January 17. You will be sorry if you miss this wonderful program!

**Sunday, February 21** at 11 a.m. - Laughter Yoga. This will be a gentle yoga program for all ages and all ability levels.

**Sunday, March 14** at 6 p.m. - Sisterhood *seder*. Plan to be here because this will be a delicious evening with Fran Hakim as chef-in-chief and a great crew of helpers. Call Fran Hakim if you want to volunteer to help.

**Saturday, April 17** at 7:30 p.m. - Senior Theater: *Groucho Marx, One Man Show*. This is still tentative so keep watching for confirmation and more details.

**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 to offer your assistance.

**Sunday, May 2** - Seventh Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale. Contact Eva to volunteer to help.

**Thursday, May 27** at 7 p.m. - Ice Cream Social . Elections and a program TBA.

**Sunday, June 13** - Donor Event. A lovely boat ride and lunch is being arranged. Watch for more specifics shortly.

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**Mitzvah Cards:** Call Becky Hirsch at 301 XXX-XXXX for speedy, efficient service.

**Catering:** Alyce Strasser at 301 XXX-XXXX will provide 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.

### RHYME TIME

Oh, the weather outside may be frightful,  
But our programs will be delightful;  
So make sure to join everyone  
For our meetings of learning and fun.

### REMEMBER

January 30, 2010 is our Cabaret Date - an unforgettable program with our own Becky and Mark Silverstein, after a dairy Italian dinner prepared by Alyce Strasser and her kitchen magicians. SEE YOU THERE!!!

## THANKS FROM ALEX SAVIET FOR SUPPORTING BAR MITZVAH PROJECT

I want to thank everyone who helped me with my bar mitzvah project: supporting the indoor recreation center for kids in Sderot, Israel!!! (I apologize if I have left anyone's name off of this list.)

Many thanks to everyone who helped me by making or selling scarves, washing cars, or participating in the bike-a-thon: Emily Anderson, Sam Bolgiano, Carlos Castillo, Marlo Castillo, Darellyn Fung, Esther Goldberg, Aaron Goldstein, Sam & Elta Goldstein, Amelia Komisar-Bury, Emma & Jessica Miller, Tim Miller, Rebecca & Anne Rowe, Helen Rowe, Micah Saviet, Sarah Saviet, Lola, Eva & Beth Williams

Many thanks also to everyone who generously purchased scarves, supported a bike-a-thon, had a car washed, or otherwise donated to my bar mitzvah project: Margie Ahmann, David Ahmann, Kate Ahmann, Teresa Ahmann & Nigel Hinshelwood, Mike Bjornson, Jan Bloom, Debbie and Ed Brenner, Diane Boyer, Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, Barry & Marilyn Cohen, Leila Corcoran & Tim Ahmann, Members of the Cunningham family, Joan Goldenberg, Bret Goldstein and family, Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller, the Jannotta family, Jackie Kling, Lisa Lincoln, Mark Loewenstein, Chana Mason, Misleh Family, Phyllis Oresky, Gail Phillips, Harise Poland, Harriet Saviet, Ronnie Scotkin, Donna & Ralph Serio, Elaine Silverberg, Barbara Shansby, Linda and Steve Shevitz, Sydney & Irene Spector, Linda Spevack, Diane Tuckman, Susan & Stephen Ungar, Andrea Weiss & , Beth Williams.

Thank you all very much!!!

Alex

### SCRIP BENEFITS SYNAGOGUE

Scrip for Giant, Greenbelt Coop, Shalom, and Kosher Mart may be purchased by contacting Ronnie Scotkin at (301) 474-4223 or at [RonnieatMT@gmail.com](mailto:RonnieatMT@gmail.com). Remember, Mishkan Torah receives 3% to 5% back from each purchase.

### UNITED SYNAGOGUE TIDBITS

#### KOACH KALLAH TO BE AT PEARLSTONE

The 2010 Koach Kallah, March 4 through March 7 at the Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland, just outside Baltimore, is a chance for college students to study, worship, sing, dance, study, and socialize together. The theme is Setting the Agenda: Jews and Social Justice. The scholar in residence will be Rabbi Leonard Gordon, co-chair of United Synagogue's social action and public policy committee and rabbi of the Germantown Jewish Centre in Philadelphia. For more information, go to [www.koach.org](http://www.koach.org).

#### SULAM ALSO SET FOR PEARLSTONE

*Sulam*, our intensive training program for new synagogue presidents and vice presidents, will meet twice this year as always, but in new venues. *Sulam* 36 (March 4 through March 7 in Los Angeles), and *Sulam* 27, April 22 through April 25, at the Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland. In acknowledgement of the new economic realities, the price has been reduced. For more information, e-mail Rabbi Moshe Edelman at [edelman@uscj.org](mailto:edelman@uscj.org).

#### B'KOL ECHAD SONGBOOK REVISED

Originally published in 1986, this best-selling songbook is has been revised and updated, new and improved for 5770! It includes Shabbat and holiday blessings, new additions for *z'mirot*, songs of Israel, *Birkat Hamazon* and wedding blessings. The compact size and easy-to-read text make it a perfect choice to use in homes or synagogues. The new edition is now ready, and you can order personalized covers for your organization or family celebration. Order online at: <https://secure.uscj.org/usy/bencherorder.asp>.

## CAFÉ TZEDAKAH DRAWS LARGEST GROUP EVER

By Andrea Weiss & Robert Goldberg-Strassler



Dena's parents, Gary and Niki Kohn tell attendees how touched they are at the support shown at Café Tzedakah.

The Cafe Tzedakah program benefiting the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Theatre Lab was the most successful ever held. Upwards of 150 people who braved the wintry weather to listen to music and honor the memory of Dena Kohn, as well as those who were unable to attend, donated more than \$2,500. Donations can still be made by sending a check to Mishkan Torah payable to the Theatre Lab, with a note in the memo line indicating that the donation goes to the Dena Kohn Scholarship Fund.

Dena's parents, Niki and Gary, were truly moved by the outpouring of love by those touched by their daughter. And a spokesperson for the beneficiary organization couldn't be happier.

Café Tzedakah would like to thank the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood and Social Action, with special thanks going to Jackie Kling and Barbara Shansby.

Special thanks also go to all of those whose performances were truly spectacular.



Performers Nadine Wobus wearing Yankee cap in honor of Dena, above, and David & Rebecca Lemus on clarinets, right, were among those who paid tribute to Dena during Café Tzedakah. Photos by Steve Mirsky.



## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Family Services	7:30 p.m.
2 <i>Shabbat Vayechi</i>	9:30 a.m.
8 <i>Erev Shabbat</i>	8 p.m.
9 <i>Shabbat Shemot</i>	9:30 a.m.
15 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
16 <i>Shabbat Va'era</i>	9:30 a.m.
22 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
23 <i>Shabbat Bo</i>	9:30 a.m.
29 <i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
30 <i>Shabbat B'Shalach/Tu B'Shevat</i>	9:30 a.m.
<b>30 CABARET [DINNER &amp; SHOW: RESERVATIONS REQUIRED]</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>



### JANUARY YAHRZEITS

#### January 1

Maxwell Ehrlich\*  
 Rachel "Rae" Algaze\*  
 Paul Kugel\*  
 Robert Feingold  
 Philip Minson  
 Isidore Reuben\*  
 Rosetta Lissauer  
 Lois Davis Darr  
 Reuben Solomon\*  
 Dora Feingold

#### January 8

Jennie Stone  
 Harry Morris\*  
 Harry Horlick  
 Louis Wallach\*  
 Phillip Friedman

Lena Kramer\*  
 Howard Architzel  
 Anne Belle Schultz  
 Sherry Hyde\*  
 Helen Presky  
 Abraham Rosenthal\*  
 Nathan Diamond\*  
**January 15**  
 Abraham Barnowsky\*  
 Adrienne Kaufman  
 Raymond Oster\*  
 Harold Gottlieb  
 Saul Weidenfeld  
 Rabbi David H. Panitz  
 Marian Kramer\*  
 Isadore Goldberg\*

#### January 22

Gertrude Alster\*  
 Scott Krasnick  
 Miriam Davidson\*  
 Bryn Schultz\*  
 Alice Boldt Shifman  
 Clara Weidberg\*  
 Rose Oresky  
 Tillie Wetter\*

#### January 29

Judith Goldenberg  
 Morris Fisher\*  
 Albert Nisenfeld\*  
 Martha Gallant  
 Lenore Rosen\*  
 Mac Rosen\*  
 Shirley Rothbard Levine\*

### FEBRUARY PREVIEW

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>Erev Purim</i>	8 p.m.
29 <i>Purim</i>	



## WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

### Yahrzeits

Debbie & Ed Brenner for Helen & Irving Brenner  
 Angie, Leah & Dana Carmel for Matilda Searle  
 Jordan & Eva Choper for Hedi Axelrad, Solomon  
 Kalkstein & Caecilie Traub  
 Stan & Lois Cohen for Estelle "Esther" Gerson  
 Glenda Goodman for Rose Haber  
 Marsha, Alan, Adam, Michael & Leah Goldfine  
 for Dorothy Berkowitz  
 Sam Hofberg for Norma Hofberg  
 Susette, Raphael & Billy Panitz for Lottie Lee  
 Mottzman  
 Frank Pearlman for Jennie Pearlman  
 Harise Poland & Shane Doyle for Ross Korz  
 Jeff & Sara Rosen for Dr. Richard Rosen  
 Richard & Verna Rosenzweig for Eva Goldberg &  
 Ethel Rosenzweig  
 Ellen, Richard & Adam Rubin for Rudy Rubin &  
 Jean Morris  
 Laurie Siegel for Marilyn Levine  
 Elaine Skolnik for David Skolnik  
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser for Max Fuchs  
 Nadine Wobus for Melvin Adelson

### High Holiday President's Club

Debbie & Ed Brenner  
 Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller  
 Max & Ruth Horlick  
 Jeff & Sara Rosen  
 Bill Schwartz & Chris Doyle  
 Ronnie Scotkin & Ed Hickey  
 Susan & Stephen Ungar

### High Holiday

Carol & Don Juran  
 Gail Phillips

### Marc Spevack Fund

Jeff & Sara Rosen in honor of Dave & Linda  
 Spevack

### Sustaining Fund

Janet Davis in memory of Joseph Charney  
 Chris Doyle & Bill Schwartz in memory of Dena  
 Kohn  
 Neil Goldstein  
 Jeff & Sara Rosen—in honor of Kiddush  
 volunteers; in honor of the Choir, Becky  
 Silverstein, the Director Emerita & Rachel  
 White, the new Director; in honor of Rabbi  
 Cohen and his Saturday morning discussions;  
 in honor of Cantor Phil—Bravissimo!; in honor  
 of Mark & Becky's upcoming Cabaret; in honor  
 of Dave & Evey Herschler becoming  
 grandparents; in loving memory of Alice  
 Pearlman

### To Celebrate Naomi Gottlieb-Miller & Bob Ehrman's wedding

Debbie & Ed Brenner  
 Irene & Sid Spector

### To Celebrate Joshua Gottlieb-Miller & Lauren Hannon's engagement

Debbie & Ed Brenner

### Karp Family School Fund

Debbie & Ed Brenner to honor great latkes by Phil  
 Williams at the Chanukah party hosted by Bret  
 Goldstein & KFS

### Prayerbook Fund

Janet Davis in memory of Esther and Irving Davis

### Scholarship Fund

Debbie & Ed Brenner in honor of Saul Oresky &  
 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stephen's  
 bar mitzvah  
 Jackie & Arnold Kling  
 Jeff & Sara Rosen in honor of Saul & Phyllis  
 Oresky

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Debbie & Ed Benner

## LEARN HEBREW ON ONE FOOT

Love coming to services but can't read Hebrew? We are currently trying to form a one-day class that will have you reading the prayer book in Hebrew. We hope to have this class on a Sunday in January. If you are interested, please call Ronnie Scotkin at (301) XXX-XXXX or e-mail XXXXXXXXXXX@xxxxx.com and leave your name and contact information.

## SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

by Andrea Weiss

Thanks to all who came out for our fall blood drive. We had 21 donors and collected 15 usable pints of blood.

Thanks, also, to those who volunteered at the Safe Haven shelter program at Christmas time, and at St. Matthews Church in Bowie. All told, ten of our members spent time at the shelters, keeping company with the men and women who are struggling to stay afloat.

### Cold Weather Wear Still Needed

Social Action continues to collect warm outerwear for the children of Spring Hill Lake Elementary School. Please bring your donations of new or gently used coats and gloves, and new hats to the specially designated box in the coatroom. You may also send a check for this purpose to Mishkan Torah, with Social Action in the memo line.

We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food and grocery store gift cards for the needy of Greenbelt, to be distributed by St. Hugh's Church and Greenbelt Cares. Those who would like to donate a gift card can contact Ronnie Scotkin. As in the rest of the country, the need here is unusually great this year. Please consider adding an item or two to your grocery carts whenever you shop, and leaving them in the box at Mishkan Torah.

### RECONSTRUCTIONIST TIDBITS

#### ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 21, 2010, as we come together at Savage Mill to honor members of our various congregations and Havurot. Watch for more details.

#### TRAVELING SCHOLAR WEEKEND

On April 16-18, we will join together to learn and study the theme of Israel and the Environment. We hope to have members of the *Aravah* Institute for Environmental Studies to discuss different aspects of ecology. For information about *Aravah*, take a look at the website at [www.aravah.org](http://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. More details will follow as they become available.

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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

## “ONE GREAT CHANUKAH PARTY”

by Bret Goldstein

On Saturday, December 12th, the Karp Family School and Mishkan Torah Sisterhood teamed up to throw one great Chanukah Party on the second night of Chanukah. Our Hebrew School students started off the evening by bringing in their own original chanukiyot and displaying them proudly for all to see.

After making havdalah, all in attendance lit their own menorahs as we blessed the candles and sang *Maoz Tzur* together.

Then it was time for the real reason everyone came -- Chef Phil Williams's delectable latkes! Phil and his crack staff of peelers, choppers and fryers served up huge, golden-brown potato pancakes that got rave reviews from hungry attendees. Once everyone had had their fill, the Karp Family School players entertained with their original musical rendition of “A Chanukah Charol,” chronicling the time-traveling adventures of Mr. Ebenezer Scroogeberg.

Next on was the choir, performing for the first time with new director Rachel White. What a performance! Classics like “*Boruch Ate*” and “*Ocho Kandleikas*” lit up the dark night as much as the candles they described.

After the choir's performance, everyone settled in for dessert and enjoyed a Chanukah sing-along. What a fantastic way to come together as a community and celebrate; thanks to everyone who helped plan, cook, set up, and clean up!



Chanukah party moments as captured by photographer Steve Mirsky: Clockwise from Top: Chanukiyot brighten the room; Phil Williams and Micah Saviet cooked up some tasty latkes—they really were delicious; the choir under the direction of Rachel White sang for their latkes; and Bret Goldstein and the Karp Family School players in a Chanukah production—eat your hearts out, Rockettes.

# The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

*very proudly presents*



**Come to Our Cabaret**  
**Dinner and Music Celebration**  
**Saturday, January 30, 2010**  
*(snow date February 6)*

**7 p.m.**

**10 Ridge Road**  
**Greenbelt, Maryland**

*starring*

## Mark & Becky Silverstein



### THEN and NOW



RESERVATION DEADLINE: **SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: NO WALK-INS ADMITTED**

Make checks payable to Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

Mail to Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Attention: CABARET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults at \$36 each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children under 13 years at \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

# AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM EXCURSION

## JANUARY 17, 2010 – 1 P.M.

Snow Date: January 24, 2010  
800 Key Highway, Baltimore



The American Visionary Art Museum showcases works by self-taught, outsider artists that have often been overlooked in the art world. Founded in 1995 by Rebecca Hoffberger, this unique arts attraction has a permanent collection and holds yearlong exhibits showcasing pieces centered on one theme such as faith, substance abuse and war and peace.

Mishkan Torah's Ways and Means Committee is planning a car pool excursion to the American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM) in Baltimore on Sunday January 17.

The AVAM is listed in the publication, *1000 Places To See Before You Die* and it received a "must go see" rating from the *Washington Post*, plus rave reviews from Rabbi Jonathan Cohen.

Rabbi Cohen will join us for this interesting trip and will be offering his comments. We have made arrangements for a docent to give us a tour of the museum, and then there will be time, after the guided tour, for individual touring of the exhibits.

The Children's Education Committee of Mishkan Torah is also interested in participating in this excursion. If we have enough students we will try to arrange for a separate docent for them.

We will be arranging car pools and we are looking for drivers.

We have been informed that parking is no problem near the museum. (Parking is metered.)

**RESERVATION WITH PAYMENT IS DUE BY JANUARY 10.  
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO MISHKAN TORAH AND SEND IT TO  
MISHKAN TORAH, 10 RIDGE ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770.**



\_\_\_\_\_ students (K – 12) at \$5 each: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ adults at \$14 each: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ seniors (60+) at \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ people in your party needing transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Can You Be a Volunteer Driver? \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes," how many extra passengers can you take? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



## SOCIAL ACTION FOOD DRIVE

Please donate nonperishable foods such as cereal, beans, powdered milk, nuts and the like.

Collection basket in the coatroom!



Donations will be given to Greenbelt Cares which distributes food to all those who are hungry no questions asked.

## WAYS & MEANS SETS PROGRAMS

by Dan Lowery



Join us on January 17 (the Sunday of Martin Luther King's Birthday weekend) for a Mishkan Torah excursion to the American Visionary Art Museum (<http://www.avam.org/>) in Baltimore. See the flyer on page 12 of this *Trumpet*.

We will have a Coffee Klatch that same day, January 17, from 10 a.m. till noon. Come get your made-to-order omelet, bagel and cream cheese, chocolate donut and/or a cup of coffee. I will be the omelet chef-of-the-day.

And please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 25. Join us as we honor our Mishkan Torah presidents. More details will be coming soon.

*Purim* is early next month, and that means that *Pesach* is just around the corner. Do you have everything you need? If not, go ask Alyce – Strasser, that is! Call after 10:30 a.m. to set up an appointment. 301-441-1353

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