



Shavuot begins
Saturday, May 26

NEW INITIATIVE FOR MISHKAN TORAH

by Jackie Kling, President

is going on at YOUR shul, and have a chance to ask questions and share ideas. Please put this date on your calendar. The proposed slate will be emailed. We still have some positions open, so if something looks like it might be up your alley please let me know.

Our new email listserv is up and running. I want to remind everyone that if you *reply* or *reply all* to a message that has 'MT Info:' in the subject line, your response will only go to the one person who sent the message. It will not go to the entire group. Only a limited number of people have access to send to the group in order to control the flow of emails.

Now the New Initiative: Lotsa Helping Hands (LHH)

I recently became aware of a website called Lotsa Helping Hands (LHH) that provides a tool to organize family and friends in times of need. It allows groups to send emails to their community members about a specific need and it provides an easy way for the members to sign up to fulfill that need without ever making a phone call!

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Mazel Tov, again, to Angie Carmel and her family on their well deserved *Keter Shem Tov* honor. I hope that all who attended and participated will have fond memories of a delightful Shabbat morning. I'm looking forward to seeing many of



you again at the Mother's Day Concert on May 13th. I always like to say that for a little shul we have a lot of spectacular talent and this

concert will certainly prove that to be true. Please reserve early. It is sure to be a sellout performance.

The Social Action Committee requests that you bring nonperishable food items to donate when you come. There is great need in the Greenbelt community as summer, and the end of the school year, approach.

I am pleased to inform you that Janet Mirsky has accepted the position of bookkeeper beginning in June. Enid Nolan will be retiring after seven years of dedicated service to Mishkan Torah. Please join me in wishing Enid well in her retirement and welcoming Janet.

Our summer membership meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 3 at 11 a.m. The Coffee Klatch will be open prior to the meeting. You will elect officers for the coming year, approve the budget, learn about what

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RABBI DISCUSSES *TITANIC* JEWISH CONNECTION

I have a confession: There isn't a subject of current or historical interest that doesn't send me running to the Internet looking for its Jewish angle. The recent commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic* was no exception ... and my search led me to a gold mine of fascinating information!

One Google hit stated that one of the owners of the Belfast shipyard that built the *Titanic* for the White Star Line was Jewish. But that is not quite true. Indeed Gustav Wilhelm Wolff was of Jewish descent, but his parents had converted to Lutheranism some fifteen



years before he was born. But when it comes to the list of those who perished in the tragedy, we find the names of Jewish victims in all three classes. Indeed up to 100 (and possibly more) of the 1,500 victims were Jewish.

Some of the Jews were wealthy and traveled first class, as did Benjamin Guggenheim, whose father had made a fortune in mining. Guggenheim was a bit of a playboy. Estranged from his wife, he was frequently away from their New York City home – ostensibly for business reasons. He kept an apartment in Paris, where he also kept a mistress. Guggenheim booked passage on the *Titanic* for himself, as well as for his valet, his chauffeur, his mistress, and her personal maid. (His ticket alone cost more than twenty times the annual wage of the cabin steward who attended to his needs on board.) When the iceberg struck the ship, Guggenheim refused a place in a lifeboat but saw to it that his paramour and her maid were safely ensconced in one. Then he and his valet, determined to meet their ends in style, changed into evening wear. Guggenheim was heard to remark, “We’ve dressed up in our best and are prepared to go down like gentlemen.” He also gave a survivor a message saying, “Tell my wife, if it should happen that my secretary and I

both go down, tell her I played the game out straight to the end. No woman shall be left aboard this ship because Ben Guggenheim was a coward.” Guggenheim and his valet were last seen seated in deck chairs in the Grand Staircase sipping brandy and smoking cigars.

One Playboy, Two Devoted Spouses

In almost direct contrast to Guggenheim, we have Ida and Isidor Straus. Isidor Straus owned Macy’s Department store, where he was beloved by his employees for his many acts of kindness to them. He was the first American businessman to create a company Mutual Aid Society. He also set up a burial society and a basic health insurance program for his workers, and built a large cafeteria where they could get a hot, subsidized meal each day. In addition, Straus’s philanthropy built many of the institutions of the Jewish community. He was also a close personal friend of and economic advisor to President Grover Cleveland. In 1892 he turned down the position of Postmaster General, stating that he was “seeking neither glory nor office.” (Had he accepted, he would have been our first Jewish cabinet secretary.)

On the night of the sinking, Isidor and Ida Straus were seen standing near Lifeboat No. 8 in the company of Mrs. Straus’s maid, Ellen Bird. Although the officer in charge was willing to allow the elderly couple to board the lifeboat with Miss Bird, Isidor Straus refused to go so as long as there were women and children still remaining on the ship. He urged his wife to board, but she refused, saying, “We have lived together for many years. Where you go, I go.”

One of the most haunting scenes in James Cameron’s *Titanic* movie shows the elderly couple lying together in their bed in a first-class stateroom while the water rises around them. But this is not exactly as it happened. A witness recorded how “the aged couple stood arm in arm on the deck ... very peaceful and calm amidst all the uproar and strife of the struggling hundreds at the boats. ... These two old persons stood calmly awaiting death which was inevitable.

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SHIPPING LINES CATERED TO 'HEBREW' PASSENGERS . . . from page 2

As the lifeboats drew away, the witness “could see the pair together still arm in arm, Straus bending towards the partner of his declining years, giving her a farewell kiss. It was an inspiring picture.”

When the survivors of the disaster arrived in New York City, many, including Ellen Bird, told reporters of Mrs. Straus’s loyalty and fidelity to her husband. Her story struck a chord with the Jewish community. Rabbis spoke to their congregations about her sacrifice; articles in Yiddish and German-language newspapers extolled her courage; a popular song featuring the story of Ida Straus, *The Titanic’s Disaster*, became popular among Jewish-Americans.

But not all the Jews on board were wealthy. Some, including Herbert Klein, one of the ship’s barbers, were members of the crew. He was among the nearly seven hundred crew members to die that night. Others, like Gershon Cohen, were immigrants who had saved up for the third-class tickets that would enable them to start new lives in the New World. Cohen survived the disaster and London’s *Jewish Chronicle* newspaper reproduced the letter he subsequently wrote to his parents. In a mixture of Horatio Alger adventure and British imperial understatement, Gershon related how he jumped into the sea, managing to swim to a lifeboat. Although injured, he was one of only three men in the boat and he helped row it away from the swell of the fast-sinking *Titanic*. Five hours later, they were picked up by the Cunard liner *Carpathia*.

Gershon Cohen may have been lucky to survive, but he was far from the only Jewish immigrant on board. Indeed, there were so many of them that the White Star Line thought it commercially advantageous to supply them with kosher food. Accordingly, Charles Kennell was hired as the ship’s “Hebrew cook” for the princely wage of £4 – about \$20 – a month (and he couldn’t have made much more in tips from steerage class passengers).

By the beginning of the twentieth century, competition had led to a dramatic improvement in conditions for third-class passengers. The

economics of the transatlantic shipping business were ruthless: although there were only so many first-class tickets that a shipping company could sell, the number of steerage passengers was almost limitless. Moreover, the companies made more per head on the third-class tickets than they did on the first-class ones. The first line to offer kosher food was the Hamburg-American Line (whose chairman, Albert Ballin, was Jewish).

By 1912 all the major German, British and American companies had followed suit. In 1909, a U.S. Immigration Commission agent reported on steerage conditions on the ships of an unnamed line. Her report may give an indication of Kennell’s role:

“The Hebrew steerage passengers were looked after by a Hebrew who is employed by the company as a cook, and is at the same time appointed by Rabbi as guardian of such passengers. This particular man told me that he is a pioneer in this work. He was the first to receive such an appointment. It is his duty to see that all the Jewish passengers are assigned to sleeping quarters that are as comfortable and as good as any; to see that kosher food is provided and to prepare it. He has done duty on most of the ships of the _____ Line. On each he has instituted this system of caring for the Hebrews and then has left it to be looked after by some successor.”

Although details about *kashrut* aboard the *Titanic* are circumstantial, we know a great deal more about the situation aboard the *Titanic*’s sister ship, the *Olympic* (on which Kennell had served prior to joining the *Titanic*’s crew). Before the *Olympic* was scrapped in 1935, all of the contents of the ship were sold via auction. The auction included *Olympic*’s kosher kitchen and supplies, including a cooking range with rack and hood, stoking irons, dressers, cupboard, sink, tilings, and light fittings. Charlie Haas, president of the *Titanic* International Society, has seen a generic 1911 White Star third-class menu that indicates the availability of kosher meat.

The menu was part

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TITANIC'S SISTER SHIP, OLYMPIC, HAD KOSHER KITCHEN . . . from page 3

of an advertisement for the *Olympic*. "In terms of artifacts that have been retrieved from the ocean floor," Haas admits, "we've not seen any kosher service dinnerware, although we do know from the *Olympic*, what the design looked like." According to the secretary of England's Southampton Hebrew Congregation, "It is known that for many years the kosher butcher was kept in business by supplying the ships. ... Our butcher was getting the meat from our rabbi, who was also the *shochet* (kosher slaughterer)."

If Charles Kennell's body was ever retrieved, the remains were never identified.



Shown at right is the kosher kitchen of the *Olympic*, *Titanic's* older sister ship. Published in the April 1933 issue of *White Star Magazine*, it includes the caption, "M.L. Gordon of the Southampton Hebrew Congregation inspecting the arrangements."

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

by Andrea Weiss

The Social Action Committee is asking all members to dig a little deeper as the summer approaches to make food donations for the St. Hugh's Food Pantry. As summer comes, so too comes the end of free and reduced breakfasts and lunches for the school children; and a greater need for donations comes along as well.

Please consider bringing a can or box of nonperishable food with you every time you come to the synagogue. (Remember that the food pantry cannot accept glass containers.) There is special need for peanut butter and canned fruits and vegetables.

חג שבועות שמח

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot will begin at 10 p.m. on the evening of Saturday, May 26 and will continue through to sunrise on the morning of the 27th. The annual trivia quiz will take place around 2 a.m. and there will be nonstop dairy delectables throughout.

At sunrise we will *dahven* a quick *shachrit* (no Torah reading or *musaf*) after which there will be no other service that day.

The major *Shavuot* service will be held at 9:30 on the morning of the second day, Monday, May 28. We will read the Torah portion traditionally assigned to the first day of the holiday i.e., the scene at Sinai culminating in receiving the *Aseret HaDibrot*, Ten Commandments.

Yizkor will be recited at about 11:15.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

B'nai Mitzvah, wedding, holiday presents have you stumped? Let our Gift Shop help you out! Call Alyce (after 10:30 a.m., please) to arrange an appointment to review our great selection.

GENERATIONS CONCERT SET TO AMAZE EXPECTED SELLOUT!

by Jeffrey Rosen

This Mother's Day, Mishkan Torah will once again turn itself into Carnegie Hall or the Kennedy Center right here in Greenbelt. In a unprecedented display of homegrown talent, the Ways and Means Committee is commemorating Mother's Day on May 13 at 2 p.m. by presenting a concert by a constellation of fourteen professional-quality Mishkan Torah artists. Heralded as "Generations United," this concert marks the culmination of the committee's nearly two-year celebration of the theme "From Generation to Generation."

In keeping with the intergenerational spirit of the day, the program includes performances by a mother and daughter; by two fathers and sons; and by a father, mother, and son combination.

The concert will also feature original works performed by two member composers more than half a century apart in age. The cast of veteran performers includes two of the participants from the committee's acclaimed Young Performers Series, and no less than six stars of the recent Purim Spiel. The occasion is not to be missed!

The following Mishkan Torah stars of the first magnitude have agreed to appear at the grand event. They are listed in alphabetical order:

Pianist Don Anderson will present two Preludes by Scriabin and an Etude-Tableau by Rachmaninoff.

Pianist David Charney will present Beethoven Sonata Opus 54 and a Rhapsody by Brahms.

Cantor Yael Fischman will perform songs by Schubert, Mahler, and Bernstein on the always intriguing theme of young love.

Bassoonist Darelynn Fung will perform the "Hindemith Bassoon Sonata," followed by a bassoon duet with her mother, Diane Fung, in their own tribute to Mother's Day.

Young Performer and tenor Ben Greenfield will perform a song by Brahms and the delightful operatic tenor standard "*Una Furtiva Lagrima*" from *L'Elisir d'Amore* by Donizetti. In

another intergenerational performance, Ben will join his father, Cantor Phil Greenfield, and his mother, flutist Carolyn Sonnen, in the ethereal duet from Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*.



Pianist Don Anderson

Tenor Adam Juran will sing two favorite opera arias, Lenski's Aria from Tchaikovsky's passionate *Eugene Onegin* and the poignant Flower Song from Bizet's *Carmen*.

Adam's father, resident composer and bass-baritone Don Juran will perform three songs, including Don's own setting of a poem by his son Joshua, "The Cherry Tree." Don will also sing "Upon the Hearth the Fire Is Red" by Tolkien and Swann, and King Gama's



Bassoonist Darelynn Fung

somewhat misanthropic comic monologue "If You Give Me Your Attention" from Gilbert and Sullivan's *Princess Ida*.

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CONCERT LINEUP SET WITH SEVERAL FAMILY CONNECTIONS . . . from page 5

Don will be joined by Ben and Phil Greenfield to perform Don's own interpretation of "Rise Up, My Love," from *Song of Songs*. Don wrote his setting as a present to his wife Carol for their fortieth anniversary and last December it was selected for performance by *Shalsholet* the Foundation for New Jewish Liturgical Music in a Washington program.

Comic baritone Jeffrey Rosen will channel his inner Oscar Wilde by performing "Am I Alone and Unobserved?" Reginald Bunthorne's monologue from Gilbert and Sullivan's *Patience*.

His son, Young Performer and French hornist Joshua Rosen, will premiere a French horn concerto of his own composition.

Soprano Nadine Wobus will perform the

Andrew Kraus will return to Mishkan Torah to accompany performers. The program is subject to change, and there will be a Mishkan Torah surprise or two.

The afternoon will feature a beautiful program book as a souvenir of the unique event. You have the opportunity to make donations in honor of, or in memory of, that very special mother, mother-in-law, or grandmother; they will be listed on appropriate pages in the program. All listings will be made for a donation of *chai* (\$18), or multiples thereof, per listing. You do not have to attend the concert to honor or remember that special person with a donation.



Soprano Nadine Wobus



French Hornist Joshua Rosen

Blues classic "Birth of the Blues," with French horn accompaniment from Joshua Rosen, and the gripping "Supper Time" by Irving Berlin.

Finally, flutist and Mishkan Torah Choir Director Rachel White, who is also the fiancée of performer Ben Greenfield, will present a sonata by baroque composer George Philip Telemann.

As an added bonus attraction, renowned local pianist and collaborative artist Maestro

Tickets for the event are only \$15 if reserved in advance; \$18 at the door; or \$10 for pre-teenagers. Tickets may be ordered and reserved by mail and donations made at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 or online at www.MishkanTorah.org and by following the prompt "Mother's Day Concert" on the home page under "Upcoming Events." You may utilize the flyer appearing in this issue of *The Trumpet* to order tickets and to make your donations.

The two o'clock starting time allows you to enjoy a Mother's Day Brunch or dinner and still attend the concert. You can complete your Mother's Day and celebrate "From Generation to Generation" right here at Mishkan Torah by attending an event not likely to be topped or repeated! See you at the concert!

Mishkan Torah is Proud to Present

Fourteen (and counting) of our Best Solo Performers
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Mother's Day Concert
May 13 at 2 p.m.

\$15 (with RSVP)
\$18 (at the door)

I/We would like to reserve tickets:

_____ Adults/Teens (at \$15 each) and _____ Pre-teens (at \$10 each) \$_____

I/We would like to make a Mothers Day donation: *(check a box and include the name)*

in honor / in memory of _____ by _____

in honor / in memory of _____ by _____

in honor / in memory of _____ by _____

Each line costs \$18 (chai). _____ donations @ \$18/donation = \$_____

All donors and their mother's name will be listed in the Program Book if the donation is received by May 7th. It is the ideal way to honor / remember the mother who did so much.

_____ 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/generations

KETER SHEM TOV HONORS MOSHE (JOE) Z"L & ANGIE CARMEL

It was a lovely day from start to finish. There were many people who worked very hard to make the day special:



Janet Davis wrote the *Trumpet* article and always helps with last minute collating of the Program Book and Phyllis Oresky helped with proofing.

Debbie Brenner, Jackie Kling, and Martha Tomecek stepped into the void and led Sisterhood Catering to feed us the sumptuous meal.

Our very talented Marsha Goldfine created the gift. Our Torah readers—Yael Fischman, Yoni Charry, and Mark Loewenstein graciously accepted to do the readings.

The Choir, led by Rachel White, added a musical flavor to the day. Members of the Ways & Means Committee—especially Dan

Arlene Gottlieb, Keter Shem Tov Coordinator Lowery—helped to make this day shine. Last year's honoree, Dick Rosenzweig and his fabulous wife, Verna, helped me get the Program Book from the printer, collate it, and attach the ribbons.

WELL-DESERVED HONOR

But my biggest thank you goes to our honoree, Angie. She was helpful every step of the way. She is so organized and is a true planner. She offered to do things before I even thought about them. I've worked with her on Ways & Means and she is honest in her opinions and very thoughtful. I can say things to her in a straightforward manner and know that she will get back to me with her thoughts the same respectful way.

I am also grateful to everyone who shared stories about Joe Carmel. It reminded me why I love doing this Award. I learned a lot about a man I wish I had had the privilege to meet. I am so glad we honored him as well as Angie. They both deserved the *Keter Shem Tov* Award.

SIMON LOEWENSTEIN TO BECOME BAR MITZVAH

Mark and Karen Loewenstein are very pleased to invite the entire Mishkan Torah Community to celebrate the *simcha* of their son, Simon, as he is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 2.

Simon is a seventh grade student at Francis Scott Key Middle School, where he enjoys his classes, his friends, and his teachers.

Simon loves music, especially rock and roll. He is learning to play the guitar and making great progress.

Simon began attending Family Services when he was about four. He has been coming to Miskan Torah ever since except for the year that he and his family spent in China. This year he is in the Mishkan Torah youth group. Simon is well known to members of the synagogue for his big smile, enthusiasm, and overall gregariousness. His joyful attitude is infectious.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Simon has helped his father revise the Mishkan Torah website. The aim has been to produce a more

attractive website that does a better job highlighting goings-on at the synagogue. It has been necessary to reformat each and every webpage. Simon's father is grateful for Simon's help in making a time consuming job a little easier.

Please join us on Saturday, June 2, as we celebrate Simon's Bar Mitzvah. If you plan to attend the Kiddush luncheon after services, please make a reservation using the form on the website.

Alternatively, you can send an email to Loewenstein.mark@gmail.com or call our home phone. **Please RSVP by May 19.**



MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4	<i>Erev Shabbat Family Services</i>	7:30 p.m.
5	<i>Shabbat Parshat Acharei Mot/Kedoshim</i>	9:30 a.m.
10	<i>Lag B'Omer</i>	
11	<i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
12	<i>Shabbat Parshat Emor</i>	9:30 a.m.
13	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
13	Generations United Concert	2 p.m.
18	<i>Erev Shabbat Service</i>	8 p.m.
19	<i>Shabbat Parshat Behar/Becukotai – May Birthdays Celebrated</i>	9:30 a.m.
20	Yom Yerushalayim	
25	<i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
26	<i>Shabbat Parshat Bamidbar</i>	9:30 a.m.
26	<i>Erev Shavuot Services, Program, & Tikkun Layl Shavuot</i>	10 p.m. to Dawn
27	First Day of <i>Shavuot</i> – Dawn Service only	
28	Second Day of <i>Shavuot</i> Services with <i>Yizkor</i> (11:15 a.m.)	9:30 a.m.

MAY YAHRZEITS

May 4

Dorothy Sura Rogal
 Esther Stoler*
 Annie Citron*
 Lynda Ann Silverman*
 Arnold Edwin Silverman
 Allan Searle
 Emma Schneider
 Pauline Singer*
 Hesse Cohen*
 Joseph Schlosser
 Pincus Klein
 Ruth Tenenbaum*

May 11

Philip Mintz*

Murray Herschler
 Irving Brenner*
 Clara Schwartz*
 Mollie Bukzin*
 Lloyd T. Darr
 Marilyn Haber
 Joan Schabb
May 18
 Dr. Louis Fishkind
 Dr. Hans Wodak*
 Jacob Shapiro
 Bernice Gloria Silverman*
 Till Bergemann*
 Seymour Kaplan*

George Koss*
 Joseph Valoris
May 25
 Ben Herman*
 Louis Lieberman*
 Michael Sokal
 Sylvia Schoenberg*
 Lillian Englander Greenbaum*
 Isaac Yedid*
 Abe Chasanow*
 Murray Daniel Shapiro*
 Jennie Migdal
 Moshe Josef Carmel*
 Harry Morton

JUNE PREVIEW

1	<i>Erev Shabbat Family Services</i>	7:30 p.m.
2	<i>Shabbat Parshat Nasso</i>	9:30 a.m.
3	Membership Meeting	11 a.m.
8	<i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
9	<i>Shabbat Parshat Emor</i>	9:30 a.m.
15	<i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
16	<i>Shabbat Parshat Shelach</i>	9:30 a.m.
17	Father's Day	

MISHKAN TORAH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

Mona Baumgarten for Reuven Baumgarten
 Jan Bloom for Harry & Marcella Levine
 Susan Bregman for Sylvia Schnek
 Judy Briskman for Harry Levine
 Rae & Ron Brooks for Gabrielle Nyrop
 Thompson
 Jerry & Yvonne Brodsky for Beatrice Brodsky
 & Raymond Brodsky
 Gladys Chasnoff for Abe Chasnoff
 Keith & Coleen Chernikoff for Lillian Chernikoff
 Karen Friedman for Sarah Brand
 Judy & Robert Goldberg-Strassler for Joseph
 Strassler
 Marsha & Joel Goldberger for Harry Goldberg
 Dr. David Granite for Hilda Granite
 Ethel Harris & Joel Cohen for William Harris &
 Herman Cohen
 Samuel Hofberg for Julia Schmilchuk &
 Mildred Hofberg
 Ira Kalfus for Hannah & Abe Kalfus
 Gary & Niki Kohn for William Kohn
 Fran Lapidus for Irving Weiss
 Chana Mason & Chelsea Sackel for Morris
 Sackel
 Steven & Janet Mirsky for Fay Mirsky
 Robin Olson for Martin & Deborah Wendell
 Alan Orenstein for Hilda Baren
 Frank Pearlman for Sidney Migdal
 Claire Rogal for Martha Shapiro
 Allan, Craig & Erik Rubin for Olivia Rubin
 Frances Sanders & Family for Harlan Stanley
 Sanders
 Ronnie Scotkin & Ed Hickey for Samuel
 Scotkin
 Arnie Sheetz & Jessica Bienstock for Golde B.
 Karp
 Marilynn & Ken Sheetz for Golde B. Karp
 Marjorie Bergemann Snider for Anna Hilda
 Stamler
 Irene & Sid Spector for Richard Bruce Axelrod
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser for Larry Epstein
 Diane & Mort Tuckman for Rose Marcus
 Tuckman

High Holiday Pledge

Sue Stregack
 Paula & Michael Volk

In Honor of ...

Steven & Janet Mirsky by Janet Davis

Scholarship Fund

Anonymous

Kiddush

Richard & Ellen Rubin
 Linda & David Spevack

Keter Shem Tov in Honor of Moshe (Joe) z"l & Angie Carmel

Leah Carmel
 Jordan & Eva Choper
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 Lois Darr
 Janet Davis
 Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller
 Mishkan Torah Mahjongg Maniacs
 Frank Pearlman
 Hal Rappaport
 Carol Segree
 Irene & Sid Spector
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser
 Andrea Weiss & John Green

Generations United

In Memory of...

Jessie Miller Gordon by Howard Gordon

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Carl & Becky Hirsch for Rubin and Anna
 Hirsch
 Ray Krasnick for Marcia Krasnick
 Andrea Weiss & John Green

SPECTORS SAY THANKS

"Thank you" to our extended
 Mishkan Torah Family for all the calls
 and cards we received during all of our
 recent "happenings." We are truly
 grateful for all the caring thoughts.

Most fondly,

Sid and Irene Spector

MISHKAN TORAH JOINS LOTSA HELPING HANDS . . . from page 1

I first learned of it when a friend of mine was having knee surgery. I asked how I could help and she suggested I sign up with her shul's LHH community to receive emails about her needs and then I could volunteer for tasks as my schedule allowed. Since then, I have heard of other synagogues that use this tool and of Mishkan Torah members who participate in LHH through other communities with which they are affiliated.

I thought this would be a wonderful tool for MT to implement. I am pleased to announce that Vivian Levi and Andrea Weiss have agreed to be the co-coordinators of our community. In the next few weeks you will receive an email inviting you to join. It will include instructions on how to create a user ID and password to log into our community. Once you sign up you will receive notices of how you can help a member in need. Signing up does not obligate you to volunteer. You choose when and where you can help as needs arise.

If you are in need of some help from your Mishkan Torah community or if you know of someone who could use some help contact Vivian or Andrea at LHH@mishkantorah.org. They will get back to you to discuss your needs and how LHH might help you. Some of you might be asking, "What about the *Chesed* (kindness) Committee?" This is one of the quietest, yet most appreciated groups we have. It has been around for a number of years and will still exist for those times that might require a more sensitive or behind-the-scenes approach. Typically, Rabbi Cohen is aware of these situations and contacts the Chesed Committee himself if warranted. Rabbi Cohen is also available to work with you if you think our LHH community could meet your needs.

There is no time like the present to do a good deed. Whether it is driving someone to an appointment, making a meal, offering to phone or visit someone who is ill, LHH will give you that opportunity. I urge everyone to sign up when you receive your invitation.

Helping fellow congregants is a great mitzvah and provides the opportunity for strengthening and enhancing community connections.

In the meantime, you can go to www.lotsahelpinghands.com to learn more. I am certain that this initiative will continue the life long Mishkan Torah tradition of support and care for each other. In the future, I can see this efficient and effective tool being used by Sisterhood, by Ways and Means, and for a host of other functions of our shul.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

by Phyllis Oresky

MAY BIRTHDAY SHABBAT TO FEATURE WALK AROUND LAKE, HOME HAVDALLAH

Next month's Birthday Shabbat will be held on Saturday, May 19. In addition to an extended Kiddush for that morning, I am inviting you to join us for a walk around Greenbelt Lake after services, and enjoy the lovely spring afternoon.

HAVDALLAH AT THE ORESKYS

Then, that evening, members are invited to come to my home for a *Havdalah* service about 7:30 p.m. and desserts. PLEASE RSVP, so that Saul and I know how many people to expect. Finally, if you know someone who is unaffiliated, please invite them to join us for any part of the day or the entire day.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact me at (301) 622-2928.

SHOULD WE INCLUDE ANNIVERSARIES?

Arden Bronstein (my co-chair) and I are hoping that you are enjoying the monthly Birthday Shabbat celebrations which we started last August.

A suggestion has been made that we include monthly anniversaries as part of the celebration, and we would like to get your opinions as well as other suggestions. Let us know what you think!

SISTERHOOD SAYS

By Irene Spector & Debbie Brenner

Success after success must be the motto for Sisterhood! Twenty Sisterhood members, and one spouse, met in Bowie to visit the National Museum of Radio and Television. We broke up into two groups and each had a knowledgeable docent to explain the highlights of the museum.

We saw exhibits of ship-to-ship radio (like the *Titanic's*), old crystal radios and early televisions that showed the evolution of communication starting in late nineteenth century. The small museum had examples all the way through the flat screen TV that showed a video about the exhibits. Many of us recalled specific items that we grew up with like some of the items below.



Ah, the memories! It was an enjoyable event and we all thank Niki Kohn for making the arrangements.

Keter Shem Tov was an enjoyable program honoring the Carmel Family. It was a joy to be at Mishkan Torah with about 80 friends and family members gathered to acknowledge the contributions of Angie and Joe, z"l. Many people wrote their memories in a wonderful program book compiled by Arlene Gottlieb with her usual skill and attention to detail. Arlene was the overall coordinator of the event and worked hard to have things go well. Sisterhood catered the event coordinated by Jackie Kling (yes, our synagogue president) under the mentorship of retiring catering coordinator Alyce Strasser.

On a different note, if you are able to visit member Chana Mason's husband, Rusty Mason, who is seriously ill, please check with Linda Spevack at spevac2jd@verizon.net. She will work with you to schedule a time convenient for your visit.

The Ninth Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale on April 29 will be recapped in the next Trumpet. At the time this is being written, Eva Choper is working hard to coordinate the pricing, publicity and oversee the running of the sale. Thanks to Eva and the many involved volunteers.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE

Sunday, May 13 - 2 p.m. A very special MT event, the "Generations United" Mother's Day Concert is not to be missed.

Thursday evening, May 24: Ice cream Social and elections (see slate of nominees on page 14). We have changed the time to 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and we will have a light dinner (tuna & kugel!) and ice cream for dessert. Our after-dinner program will be your chance to LEARN & PLAY MAH JONGG! We have had numerous requests to do this. Those that already know how to play will mentor the newbies. Bring your quarters; for each game you win, you pay 25 cents to the *tzedakah* box! We hope you can join us-- skilled and unskilled players alike! Please RSVP to Debbie (a message at 301-595-0658 or email to debra.brenner@gmail.com) so that we know how much food to prepare, and how many Mahjongg sets to have on hand!

Sunday afternoon, June 10: Save the date for the Donor Event. Phyllis Oresky, and Chana Mason, co-chairs, are planning a trip to Theater J. We are planning to meet for lunch before the show, but details have not yet been worked out. If you have earned donor credit this year, look for the invitation, and please RSVP in a timely manner.

RHYME TIME

What a year this has been; it's not over yet. Sisterhood fills life with so much you can get. So get your calendar ready, pen in hand To jot down activities Sisterhood has planned.

Irene Spector

More Sisterhood on page 14

WAYS & MEANS

by Angie Carmel

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

KETER SHEM TOV THANK YOU

The Carmel/Weinberger family thanks everyone who attended yesterday's event in honor of Joe and myself. It was a very inspirational day and we are enjoying reading the program book (as will the family in Israel when they receive the copies I will send to them). Also, thank you for all of the hard work by so many people and for the memories written for the program book.

COMING EVENTS

May 13, 2 p.m. "Generations United." The committee and 14 highly professional and experienced performers are all working very hard to bring you a rip-roaring event to end our 2011-12 fiscal year. See the flyer and our web site to find out how to make your reservations. Also, see Jeff Rosen's article on page 5 of this *Trumpet*.

June 3, Coffee Klatch and Membership meeting. The next Coffee Klatch will take

place before and during the Membership Meeting, scheduled for June 3 at 11 a.m..

October 20, Roast: We will be roasting Frank Pearlman for his 80th birthday, and Cantor Phil Greenfield for his 60th birthday. This will be a dinner-theatre evening. Additional information will be provided in the coming months.

December 1, Young Leadership Award. This year we are proud to honor Yael Fischman and Yoni Charry. Please reserve the date and look for more information in the near future.

We are always looking for new members to join our very active committee. Even now, we have begun discussing possible programs for 2013.

If you are interested in helping out, even for just one event, please talk to me or any other member of the committee.

FUNERAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

by Robin Olson

The Funeral Practices Committee is here to help members in various ways when they lose a loved one.

- 1) When a death occurs, please call the Rabbi. He starts the chain. Even if another *Shul* is handling the arrangements or if the funeral is out of town, the Rabbi will alert the committee.
- 2) The Rabbi calls me, Robin Olson, so that I can contact the family to offer a *Shiva* platter. (Tuna & bagels for after the funeral, an evening dessert tray for a *Shiva minyan*, or a fruit basket if the funeral is out of town.)
- 3) The Rabbi forwards all pertinent information to: Marc Manheimer who sends the email to those on the shiva list; Jordan Choper who starts the phone tree; and Dan Lowery who moderates the synagogue listserv. If you are not being notified, call one of these individuals to be added to their lists.
- 4) The Rabbi works out a schedule with the chair of the Religious Committee to ensure that all *minyans* have a leader and the box of *Shiva* prayer books that will be used for the *minyan*.
- 5) If the funeral is to be held at the *Shul*, Ron Brooks will coordinate the logistics.

Committee Structure

The current members of the committee, according to the description and by-laws set forth in 1985, are as follows:

- A. Robin Olson, at-large member: Chairperson
- B. Marc Manheimer, at-large member: information dissemination
- C. Ed Brenner, Men's Club Representative
- D. Arlene Gottlieb, Sisterhood representative
- E. Ron Brooks, at-large member: funerals in the building
- F. Religious Committee Chair: *Minyans* and prayer books.

What Can You Do?

Even though we have put together a group of people from different geographical areas to help make and deliver platters, WE ALWAYS COULD USE MORE HELP. High. Please try to attend a *Shiva Minyan* if possible, especially if it is in your neighborhood. It is our responsibility to ensure a *minyan*. You do not have to know the bereaved. It is a *Mitzvah* to make a *Shiva* call and it is incumbent upon each of us to help our congregant during this difficult time.

SISTERHOOD SLATE: 2012-2013

President	TBD
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Catering	Alyce Strasser, mentor Jackie Kling Martha Tomecek
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Phone Tree Callers	Lois Darr Rhoda Minda Sherman
KFS Liaison	Katia Cavigelli

SISTERHOOD FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Mitzvah Cards

Get well, sympathy, Mazel Tov - \$3.50 per card or 3 for \$10, including postage and adds to your donor credit. 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 from a wonderful selection of gifts. Remember that 20% of your purchase price goes toward donor credit.

Catering

We are looking for good organizers, cooks, chefs, bakers and prep people who want to be part of a committee that will run the Sisterhood catering. To become involved in this great committee, please get in touch with Martha Tomecek at marthatomecek@yahoo.com.

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