



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT MISHKAN TORAH . . .

by Jackie Kling, President

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While I was driving to *shul* on the first day of *Sukkot* my mind was racing with thoughts of all the small details related to the *kiddush* after services. I knew there would be cake, as Linda and Dave Spevack have a long-standing tradition of honoring the birthday of their daughter, Jill, during *Sukkot*. Would there be people



to set up and clean up, who would make sure that tables were in the right places, was there anything else to go with the cake...these were all questions that

occurred to me. In the back of my mind I knew people would pitch in if necessary but I couldn't help thinking how nice it would be if Mishkan Torah had a full time executive director and full time building staff so that I wouldn't have to worry.

Toward the end of services that day, an impromptu discussion took place (not a rare occurrence). Rabbi Cohen was moved to say that he was proud to be associated with Mishkan Torah because of all the things that are taken care of behind the scenes by our members so that he does not have to worry. It is with that thought that I wish to acknowledge all of the people who worked behind the

scenes to ensure that each of us was able to enjoy our time at Mishkan Torah during the High Holiday season. *Yasher Koach* to you and to all who participated. An executive director and full time building staff could not have done the job nearly as well.

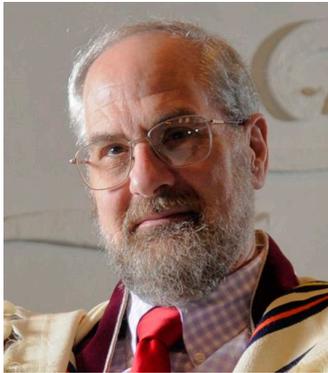
I hope each one of you will continue to keep us worry-free by sharing your time, your ideas and your talents with us. Here is just a gentle reminder of some of our immediate needs: *kiddush* volunteers, people to open and lock up the building on Friday nights, catering leaders and workers, rummage sale workers, someone to hammer down the racks on some of the new blue chairs, more attendance at services and events, liaison with the webmaster to help keep the website site up-to-date, *Torah* and *Haftarah* readers, and handy persons to help the building committee. Feel free to contact me at [jkling4378@aol.com](mailto:jkling4378@aol.com) or leave me a message with the office if you can help your *shul*.

In case you were wondering, a lovely *kiddush* was enjoyed by all on *Sukkot*.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 18**  
**11 A.M.**

## RABBI DISCUSSES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

As a cardiac anesthesiologist, Amy Robbins Ellison managed the anesthetic care of patients undergoing triple-valve operations. So when her husband, a lawyer, became violent, she thought she could fix that too. As the violence escalated, he would shove her, drag her by the hair, page her incessantly at work, keep her awake all night, and threaten to kill her if she left with their daughter. She still went to work and in the changing room of the hospital, her colleagues turned away so as not to see her bruises. Even after her mother-in-law called



the police, Ellison went home again. A friend finally connected her with a lawyer, and she got a temporary restraining order against her husband and filed for divorce and custody.

The proceedings took 1½ years and cost her \$200,000. When the sisterhood in her synagogue sponsored a big health fair, Ellison asked if she could talk about domestic violence. The response was, "I had cancer and I don't go around telling people." Ellison replied, "I was beaten up for 10 years – and I feel compelled to talk about it."

And well she might, for domestic abuse is nothing short of an epidemic. Experts say that it is difficult to ascertain how many families are caught up in the web of domestic violence but they believe that it is a vastly under-reported problem. Nearly one-third of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, every year some 900,000 women and 160,000 men experience violence at the hands of an intimate partner.

Domestic abuse is a pattern of coercive behaviors used to establish power and control over an intimate partner. The first signs of abuse may be so subtle that the perpetrator is

able to pass them off as expressions of "love." The range of coercive behaviors includes emotional, psychological and verbal attacks, physical and sexual abuse, and economic coercion. Isolation from family and friends is one of the powerful tactics an abusive person uses to control his/her partner. While only some of these behaviors may be criminal, all are psychologically and emotionally damaging, and instill fear or dread in the person being abused. It is important to know that the person abusing is not out of control – in fact, these behaviors are deliberately chosen to control his/her partner.

Both violent and emotional abuse happens in all kinds of relationships. Sometimes it involves married couples who have been together for many years. Both heterosexual and same-sex partners can be victimized by abuse. Oftentimes, the victims are teenagers who are dating. Indeed, according to Jewish Women International one-third of young adults report experiencing physical, verbal and/or emotional abuse in their romantic relationships. In response, JWI has created its "When Push Comes to Shove ... It's No Longer Love!" program designed to teach teens, young adults and college students about unhealthy and abusive relationships.

Domestic abuse affects children, too. Each year approximately 3.3 million children witness violence by family members against their mothers or female caretakers. In homes where partner abuse occurs, children are 1,500 times more likely to be abused and 40-60% of men who abuse women also abuse children. Domestic abuse has immediate and long-term detrimental effects on children. Even in cases where the children themselves are not physically scarred, they may suffer emotional, behavioral and physical effects from witnessing abuse.

As the American population ages, the abuse of elder members of a family is also becoming a serious problem.

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Like other forms of abuse, elder abuse includes physical, sexual, psychological and financial exploitation. Examples of financial exploitation include cashing an older person's checks without authorization, forging a signature and misusing or stealing the older adult's money or possessions. Neglect is an additional component of elder abuse and includes a refusal or failure to fulfill any part of a person's obligation or duties to an older adult. The perpetrator may be an intimate partner, a caregiver who is a relative or a professional, a family member or a guardian appointed by a judge.

And, as Amy Robbins Ellison's story illustrates, domestic violence takes place within all ethnic, racial, socioeconomic, and religious groups. It happens in the Jewish community, at roughly the same rate as in the general population. Deborah Goldstein, clinical director of child and family services at the Jewish Social Service Agency located in Rockville, estimates that some 7,500 Jewish women are abused in the Washington area alone. I know of cases that have happened in my own family in Montreal; as a rabbi, I know of cases that have affected members of Mishkan Torah.

Of course, it is difficult to face such a painful reality. *Shalom Bayit* – creating domestic peace – is a core Jewish value. We like to think of all Jewish homes as a source of family identity, education and affection. Until recently, abuse was not discussed in public forums, nor mentioned by rabbis, nor written about in synagogue bulletins. As a result abused Jewish women never felt that the community was ready to listen. Many abused Jewish women experience shame because they feel that Jews are not supposed to be victims – or perpetrators – of abuse. Some women, whose husbands are communal or business leaders, fear that no one will believe that a pillar of the community can also be abusive. In some cases, charging a partner with abuse has caused a backlash in which the woman herself is blamed and

ostracized for coming forward. For all these reasons, on average Jewish women tend to stay in abusive relationships 2 to 3 times longer than do women in the general population.

"Why didn't I leave sooner?" Doctor Amy Robbins Ellison asks about her own situation. "I think it's for all the reasons that battered women don't leave," noting fear of retaliation, fear of the "complicated life of a single parent" and a fair share of denial. Also, "there was definitely the belief that I could fix it. I was very good at fixing stuff: woodworking, basic plumbing, mitral valve replacement. I was good at a few things so I thought this I could do."

What should you do if someone discloses to you that she or he is abused? The most important thing is to protect the victim's safety. Keep the disclosure confidential. Do not disclose to the abuser that his/her partner has spoken with you, and do not share that information with others unless it is essential to the victim's well-being. Above all, do not suggest or provide couple's counseling! It will put the person being abused in greater danger.

Acknowledge the informant's courage, and believe her. Be non-judgmental, respectful, and assure the person that you will keep what she or he has told you in confidence. Be an active and empathetic listener – allow the person to tell her story at her own pace and let her know that you are available for further conversations, if she so chooses. Assure her that she is not alone and that she is not to blame. Affirm her perceptions of the situation by sharing that similar experiences take place in other families, including Jewish homes.

Be supportive – but do not tell the person being abused what to do or what you would do in her place. Telling victims what to do echoes their experience at home, and may also have unintended legal consequences. Hear what she wishes to do and help her to clarify her options. Offer a referral to a domestic violence service agency – such as the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (<http://jcada.org/www>) – so that she can make a safety plan to address her physical, emotional, financial and legal needs.



**Dr. Amy Ellison**

## SISTERHOOD SAYS . . .

by Irene Spector

Our new activities season began October 9 with our paid-up luncheon at Macaroni Grill. Forty-nine of us enjoyed the delicious food and great company.

Then, on October 16, we continued our eating fun at hostess Debbie Brenner's home with our annual Sisters in the *Sukkah* dairy pot-luck dinner with a great selection of tasty foods. We read selections, sang and enjoyed Debbie's beautifully decorated *Sukkah*. Because of all the eating we've already done, we'll really need our Wellness Afternoon program in February (more about that later) to get back in shape before Pesach.

Now, thanks to Eva Garin and Niki Kohn, here is the list of events planned for the coming year:

**Sunday, November 6:** 10 – 3 p.m. - Rummage Sale collection, which began October 30, continues. Call Barbara Shansby for information at 301-622-4653. We need your help sorting and setting up.

**Sunday, November 13, and Monday, November 14:** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rummage Sale at Mishkan Torah. Call Barbara to offer your help.

**Sunday, December, 11:** Craft/*tzedakah* program. Call Niki for more information.

**Sunday, January 22:** 12 p.m. Book discussion of *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant, led by our own librarian, Barbara Shansby with special guest Sonia Garin.

**Sunday February 12 at 12 p.m.** Wellness Afternoon with rotating sessions. Call Eva Garin for details.

**Sunday, March, 18 at 12 p.m.** Pesach cooking seminar. Call Niki for information.

**Subday, April 15: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.** Field trip to the Radio and TV Museum in Bowie, MD. Call Niki for details.

**Sunday, April 29** (set-up Saturday evening before): Sixth Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale. Just in time for Mother's Day. Call Eva Choper for more details on how you can help.

**Thursday evening, May 24:** Rosh Chodesh Program. Ice Cream Social and Elections. Call Niki or Eva.

**Sunday, June 3 or 10:** Donor Event – To be decided. Call Phyllis Oresky or Chana Mason

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### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Mitzvah Cards: sympathy, mazel tov, get well, etc. Only \$3 per card and that includes postage. Call Becky Hirsch for speedy, courteous, efficient service.

Catering: Special Simcha? Call Alyce Strasser (after 10:30 a.m. please) for our maven's help in planning.

Gift Shop: Take a look at the beautiful gifts on display and get a head start on your Chanukah purchasing. Remember, 20% of your purchase goes toward your donor credit.

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### RHYME TIME

Eva Garin and Niki Kohn, our thanks go to you! To all who gave suggestions, our thanks to you, too!

If you look at the programs we've listed and All the things we like to do,  
We know that you'll be with us.

You wouldn't want to miss a thing, would you?

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

by Phyllis Oresky

Come celebrate all November birthdays on Saturday, November 26 (the *Shabbat* of Thanksgiving weekend) with your Mishkan Torah community.

We will have a little extra *kiddush* as we are thankful to celebrate the birthdays of our young and older members.



# RUMMAGE SALE 2011

Sunday, November 13 & Monday, November 14  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SALE  
YOUR RUMMAGE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED**

Please contribute **ONLY QUALITY** items  
*nothing dirty - torn - broken*

Only items that can be utilized & worn with dignity & pride - PLEASE!  
**Contact your family and friends for donations!**

We **ARE** collecting jewelry

We **ARE** collecting luggage & linens

We **ARE** collecting handbags & scarves

We **ARE** collecting housewares & appliances

We **ARE** collecting toys and sports equipment

We **ARE** collecting clothing/shoes for children & adults

We **ARE** collecting paperback books and books for kids

We are **NOT** collecting hardback books and magazines

We are **NOT** collecting things that one person **CANNOT** carry



**COLLECTION NOW GOING ON!**

**Mishkan Torah Synagogue**

**10 Ridge Road**

**Greenbelt, MD**

**301-474-4223**

**Tax Receipt Provided For Your Records**



## NEW KLEZMER QUINTET THRILLS AUDIENCE WITH SPECTACULAR CONCERT

by Jeffrey Rosen

On Saturday evening, October 22, music reverberated throughout Mishkan Torah. On that evening, the nationally renowned klezmer band made its long awaited return to Mishkan Torah to perform a special benefit concert of its unique style of music, branded as "Klezmer Fusion." The audience was literally dancing in the aisles and cheering wildly until after the last notes had faded away. The band made its first appearance since 2007 and only its third overall performance at Mishkan Torah before a sold-out, passionate, enthusiastic throng.

The New Klezmer Quintet graciously accepted an invitation to perform the concert, which was in the spirit of the ongoing "From Generation to Generation" theme. The founder

music takes the vocabulary of the traditional Klezmer music of the Eastern European *shtetl* and merges it with such disparate styles as bluegrass, Middle Eastern, and rock. The program ran the gamut from such traditional folk songs as "Dona Dona" to original works, to Klezmer infused arrangements of the Rolling Stones' classic "Satisfaction" and Santana's "Evil Ways."

The evening concluded with a rafter-shaking medley of *Public Zhok*, *Zeydie Bernie's Bulgar*, and *Sirba La Mamaya Ana*, during which the audience engaged in an enthusiastic *hora*. The audience followed with yet another standing ovation. It was an evening which will be long remembered and cherished!



of the band is drummer Brian Choper, the son of long time Mishkan Torah members Jordan and Eva Choper. Celebrated violinist Alan Oresky, a founding member of the pioneer Klezmer group *The Fabrangen Fiddlers*, also appeared. Alan is the son of beloved Mishkan Torah members Seymour and Estelle Oresky of blessed memory and the brother of Mishkan Torah member Saul Oresky. Alan featured prominently in the performance, and received a standing ovation for his work in one of his signature pieces "The Orange Blossom Special."

Other members of the band included Pianist Charles Jablow, Clarinetist Fred Jacobowitz, Electric Guitarist Chris Huntington, Bassist Ephraim Wolfolk, and vocalist Laurie Riggins.

The New Klezmer Quintet demonstrated its Klezmer Fusion style by presenting a varied and challenging program. Klezmer Fusion



**Above left: Chris Huntington, Alan Oresky, Charles Jablow, Ephraim Wolfolk, Fred Jacobowitz, and Brian Choper.**

**Above right, vocalist Laurie Riggins who sang four classic Jewish folksongs including "Bashana" and "Eretz, Eretz, Eretz."**

**Above: Mishkan Torah's own Brian Choper**

Pictures by Becky and Mark Silverstein

## SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

The Social Action Committee wants to thank all who donated books to the children's book drive cosponsored with Youth Education. In all, four boxes of books were taken to the children at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

**Please join us on Sunday, November 20 at 11 a.m. for a program cosponsored by the Adult Education Committee. Lore Rosenthal, a local Greenbelt resident and the co-founder of Simplicity Matters Earth Institute, will give a talk on Judaism and the Environment. The talk is free and the public is welcome.**

This month begins our annual children's clothing drive to benefit the children of Springhill Lake Elementary School. As in the past, we are collecting new and gently used outerwear—coats, hats, gloves, and scarves—

for the children. There will be a box in the coatroom designated for this purpose.

Our first blood drive for the year will take place on Sunday, December 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have found that it works best to schedule appointments directly with the Red Cross, by calling 1-800-GIVELIFE. Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors have to be prepared for the possibility of a wait. If you are unsure that you meet the criteria for donating, please go to <[www.redcross.org/donations](http://www.redcross.org/donations)> and read on eligibility.

As always, we are collecting food for the Greenbelt Food Pantry. We were most impressed with everyone's generosity during the holidays, and hope that we can all continue to keep the struggling members of our community in mind.

by Andrea Weiss

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER  
11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment,  
call 1-800 GIVELIFE,  
or Andrea (See Directory).  
Or simply walk in.



**Sponsored by  
the Social Action Committee.**

### SOCIAL ACTION CLOTHING DRIVE

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



**Collection box can be found  
in the coat room.**

**You may also send  
a donation check  
payable to Mishkan Torah  
with "Social Action" in the  
memo line  
and we will purchase the  
clothing for you.**

Donations will be given to the children of  
Spring Hill Lake Elementary School

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4	Erev Shabbat Family Services	7:30 p.m.
5	Shabbat Lech Lecha: Sam Goldstein Bar Mitzvah	9:30 a.m.
6	Yiddish Club begins 11th season	10 a.m.
7	Deadline to submit changes to Member Directory	
11	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
12	Shabbat Vayera	9:30 p.m.
15	Basic Judaism study group resumes	7:30 p.m.
18	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
19	Shabbat Chaye Sarah	9:30 p.m.
24	Thanksgiving Day	
25	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
26	Shabbat Toledot – November Birthdays Recognized	9:30 a.m.

## NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

### November 4

Ethel Gerring\*  
 William Goldenberg  
 Leo D. Rosenstock  
 Leanora Taubman Karpen\*  
 Jack Sanders\*  
 Felix Dudek  
 Raymond R. Haber\*  
 Max Pogarsky  
 Ethel Pogarsky  
 Gertrude Schultz  
 David Stoler\*  
 Irving Davis

### November 11

Sylvia Hendel\*  
 Leslie Lissauer  
 Morris Steinman\*  
 Manuel Moldofsky\*  
 Florence Shinderman\*  
 Nathan Singer\*  
 Hyman Berkowitz  
 Sol Druss\*  
 Helen Hofberg  
 Frances R. Gordon\*  
 Ruth M. Meese

### November 18

Samuel Dorfman\*

Minnie Choper\*  
 Harry Jenkin\*  
 Golde Epstein  
 Jennie S. Greenbaum\*  
 Ada Levy Barnowsky\*

### November 25

Charles Friedman\*  
 Samuel Richman\*  
 Edythe H. Berman\*  
 Jacob Levine\*  
 Anne Winter  
 Rose Gershfield\*  
 Cornelia Ungar  
 Dora Friedman

## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

2	Erev Shabbat Family Services	7:30 p.m.
3	Shabbat Vayetze	9:30 a.m.
9	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
10	Shabbat Vayishlach	9:30 p.m.
11	Yiddish Club	10 a.m.
16	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
17	Shabbat Vayeshev	9:30 p.m.
18	Membership Meeting	11 a.m.
20	Erev Chanukkah – Light one candle	
23	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.

## **Mishkan Torah Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations**

Lenore Algaze for Jacob Algaze & Donald Lee  
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Jan Bloom for Paul Levine

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Joel & Marsha Goldberger for Rabbi Daniel  
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Judy & Mel Morganstein for Joseph Roth

Alan Orenstein for Barbara Baren Beck

Hal Rappaport for Leonard Rappaport

Marilynn & Ken Sheetz for David Karp

Stephen Solomon Family for Ethel Solomon

Laura Lee Strasser for Edith Strasser

Martha Tomecek for James Tomecek

Sue & Stephen Weiss for Ruth Gassner

### **High Holiday Pledge**

Arden Bronstein & Beverly Lowenstein

Angie Carmel

Vincent & Stephanie Demma

Alan Duda

Julie Enszer

Howard Gordon

Mark Loewenstein

Alan Schultz

Michael & Susann Schultz

Laurie Siegel

### **In Honor of**

#### **The New Klezmer Quintet**

Angie Carmel

Sidney Kirschner & Lynne Masterson

Beverly Lowenstein & Arden Bronstein

Marcia Lissauer

Phyllis & Saul Oresky

Jeffrey & Sara Rosen

Laurie Siegel

Dave & Linda Spevack

Susan & Stephen Ungar

### **In Memory of . . .**

Butch Sanders by Mona & Ken Levine

### **Sustaining Fund**

Eileen Sutker

### **In Honor of**

#### **Young Leadership Award Honorees**

#### **Bret Goldstein & Darelynn Fung**

Debbie & Ed Brenner

Arden Bronstein & Beverly Lowenstein

Neil & Cordelia Goldstein

Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller

Becky & Carl Hirsch

Jerome & Natalie Komisar

Harriet Komisar & Miranda Gindling

Dan & Madeline Lowery

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The Wasserman Family

Michael & Avril Weisman

### **Yizkor**

Nicole Burton, Jim Landry, & Miles Landry

Angie, Leah & Dana Carmel

Vincent & Stephanie Demma

Cary & Dottie Finder

Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller

Carol Britowich Levy

Richard & Verna Rosenzweig

Fran Sanders

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Lt. Col. & Mrs. Sheldo Goldberg in memory of

Steven Lawrence Goldberg

Ira Kalfus

## **WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

With great happiness, Jan Bloom is pleased to announce the marriage of her son Jason to Kate Karbowniczek, September 24 at the Geneva Farm Golf Club in BelAir, Maryland. Jan's two and a half year old grandson, Jackson, son of her daughter, Stephanie, was one of the very adorable ring bearers.

The atmosphere was bursting with love and joy. Jason and Kate honeymooned in Ashville, North Carolina, and they returned to their residence in Baltimore. Mishkan Torah joins Jan in wishing Kate and Jason happiness always!

## CHILDREN'S ED LOOKS AHEAD AND REFLECTS ON HOLIDAY SEASON

by Bret Goldstein

Coming up this month, we will be holding our first Family Education Program of the year on Saturday, November 12 during Hebrew School and Shabbat services. Parents and children alike will look at the evolution of Jewish practice and ideas, specifically through the lens of Jewish environmental practices. We look forward to sharing thoughts and feelings across the generations as we come together as a *kehilla lomedet* on Shabbat. All are welcome to come on downstairs and join us for what should be an enlightening morning.

As the High Holiday season finally came to a close, we have a great opportunity to reflect on what was a fantastic month for the students and families at Karp Family Hebrew School. We began with our *Rosh Hashanah* Family Service on September 28, where families participated in our *Rosh Hashanah* Seder for the first time – what an exciting and delicious way to begin the New Year.

Ten days later, of course, we held our *Yom Kippur* Family Service, where students gave us dramatic interpretations of both *Torah* and *Haftarah* readings, bringing the books of *Jonah*, *Judges*, and *Leviticus* to life right before our very eyes.

Soon after, it was time to decorate the *sukkah*, and our children did so with their usual creativity and flair, inviting guests from all throughout Jewish history and picturing them on the walls of our *sukkah*. This year we were able to re-use last year's walls, simply cleaning off the pictures from last year and replacing them with new ones: what a wonderful representation of our evolving religious civilization, holding the same structure but getting a little bit different coloration every year.

On Wednesday, October 12, we held our potluck in the *sukkah* and Family Service, and although the weather didn't quite cooperate, we had a wonderful turnout and at least made the holiday *kiddush* out in the *sukkah*.

The Family Service that followed was filled



Pictured above: Elta Goldstein & Amelia Komisar, busily decorating the *sukkah*. Photo by Renna Komisar.

with song, learning, and stories. It was such a lovely evening that we decided to do it all again two days later with another Family Service, this time combined with a Shabbat sleepover inspired by Beth Williams and a fabulous "blah blah blah" (that's a *d'var torah*) from our Rabbi Jonathan Cohen. We withstood the October chill in the *sukkah* until about 11, then retreated inside for the warmer climate of the classrooms filled with the communal Shabbat spirit. What a wonderful way to share *z'man simchateinu* with all of our friends.

### SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Has Everything You Need  
To Make Your Chanukkah  
Celebration

More Meaningful  
And Fun!



Call Alyce to Set Up  
An Appointment  
(after 10:30 a.m., please)

## WAYS & MEANS EXPRESSES THANKS

by Angie Carmel

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



The New Klezmer Quintet performance was another highly successful concert to a sell-out audience. The Quintet gave a rousing

performance from start to finish and was greeted by standing ovations. The friendly interaction between the vocalist and the musicians made it even more fun for everyone. Some couples got up to dance to rock and roll songs and quite a few members of the audience danced the Hora at the end. Thank you to the band for not only giving us a fantastic evening, but one which, once again, benefited Mishkan Torah. Even after the concert had ended, members of the audience hung around to talk to the band and also expressed their enjoyment amongst themselves. See the photographs taken by Becky and Mark Silverstein and kindly forwarded to us so that everyone could see them.

I must also thank the Ways and Means Committee for their tireless work. Special thanks go to Jeff Rosen for his work with publicity (Jeff has compiled quite a resume for this which will benefit Mishkan Torah for future events), Arlene Gottlieb for again producing a wonderful program book and setting up the sanctuary, Eva and Jordan Choper for allowing us to hold some of our meetings at their home and also for their tireless help throughout the planning, Dan Lowry for preparing the flyers and posters, setting up the sanctuary for the event, and assisting at the registration tables, Irv Wartell for helping to distribute flyers in Greenbelt, Lois Fields, Sam Fields and Linda Spevack for again working the registration tables with me, and Leah Choper for selling the band's CD's at the intermission and the end of

the concert. Of course, I must again thank Yoni Charry for working his magic on the sound system. Finally, thank you to Mark Lowenstein for all of his efforts on the website as well as other sites, and our Facebook, and to Beth Williams and Darelynn Fung for their help on our Facebook.

Coffee Klatch: November 13, 2011 - the first day of the Rummage Sale.

Winter Membership Meeting – December 18 at 11 a.m.

Future Events: The 2011-12 year has only just begun, so you might want to save the following dates:

March 11, 2012 (change from March 4) - A revival of one of Mishkan Torah's all-time favorite shows connected to Purim.

April 21, 2012 - Keter Shem Tov - more information to be provided at a future date.

May 13, 2012 - Another big concert starring our Young Performers stars and performers of other ages.

Also, watch out for other surprise events during the course of the year.

### Yiddish Club To Start Season 11

Interested in Yiddish? Please join us for the 2011-2012 Mishkan Torah Yiddish Club!

The aim of the Yiddish Club is to experience Ashkenazic Jewish history and culture through the medium of the Yiddish language. We use a variety of materials such as movies, poems, books, CDs, and newspapers. You don't have to know how to speak or read Yiddish, and you don't have to come to every meeting. All you need is a love of Jewish culture and a desire to learn and have fun.

The Yiddish Club will meet at Mishkan Torah on the following Sundays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.: November 6, December 11, January 15, February 12, and March 18. Spring dates will be announced later.

For more information, contact Mona Baumgarten (mbaumgar@verizon.net or 301-486-4535).

## YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS GET BACK TO NATURE

By Rebecca Lemus & Martha Tomecek

Twelve Mishkan Torah Youth Group members led by Rebecca Lemus and Rachel White went Saturday and Sunday night after Rosh Hashana to the Kayam Farm at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown MD.

The adventurous team communed in a beautiful rustic cabin and enjoyed eating their meals together in their own kitchen. They took a wet yet wonderful walk in the dark downhill towards the farm where they learned to "fox walk" and stood in the month that represented their birthdays in the "Hebrew Calendar Garden."

The group got up super-early and greeted a beautiful goat, entangled themselves in a human knot, performed a ropes challenge and did their own *tashlich* ceremony at the pond.

The Kayam Farm group leader described the group as special and exceptional as each teen was an enthusiastic participant.

On October 15 Rachel White hosted a 'smores in the *sukkah*' with a sleepover at Mishkan Torah. And on October 23, the youth group went to the Renaissance Festival in conjunction with the Greenbelt Community Church.

### BASIC JUDAISM STUDY GROUP WILL RESTART NOVEMBER 15

Discover the stuff they never taught you in Hebrew school! The popular Tuesday evening study group will resume after the holidays. It doesn't matter whether you are a raw beginner or already quite knowledgeable to join the fun and excitement of learning about Judaism and Jewish traditions. No Hebrew ability is required. Open to members of Mishkan Torah and non-members alike.

The first meeting of the new season will be on November 15 at 7:30 pm in the shul library. Call Rabbi Cohen for more information at (301) 441-2624 or email at [ravjonathan@verizon.net](mailto:ravjonathan@verizon.net). Handouts for downloading will be on the Mishkan Torah web site at:  
<<http://www.mishkantorah.org/activities-clubs-committees/rabbi-s-study-group>>

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