



Trumpet

I SAID 'YES' TO THE REQUEST

by Jackie Kling, President

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In the countless years that Steve Mirsky has been calling me with a request to help at the French fries booth during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, I have politely refused. That



is, until this year. In the past it was just something I *really, really* didn't want to do. I would tell him each time that it just wasn't '*my thing*.' But now I'm President of Mishkan Torah and so everything, in a sense, is '*my thing*' – including taking a shift at the French fries booth.

I'm happy to report that the day I had been dreading for weeks actually turned out to be entertaining! I got to hang out and enjoy the company of a few members of the Men's Club, I learned the secrets of making perfect French fries, I laughed, I sweated. I developed a new technique involving a hammer for hand cutting sweet potatoes when the potato cutter broke (to be known hereafter as The Kling Technique). I heard the announcement that Mishkan Torah's youth group won \$75 for Israeli dancing in the parade. I chatted with many of our members who stopped by the booth. All in all, I was quite pleasantly surprised at the *thing* that wasn't '*my thing*.'

Mishkan Torah has always

counted heavily on volunteers and at this time of year we make a concerted effort to encourage you to continue that tradition. I hope you will join me in saying "YES" to the request the next time you have the opportunity. Better yet, contact any of your board members or call the office and let us know how you wish to help.

I hope you have had a chance to see the beautiful brochure that has been designed for Mishkan Torah. A committed, hard working group of volunteers deserves a lot of credit for seeing it through from start to finish. Thanks to Irv Wartell, Dan Lowery, Jordan Choper, Wendy Garson, Arlene Gottlieb, Phyllis & Saul Oresky, Beth Williams, and Phil Greenfield for a product that we can be very proud of. This will be a useful tool in our ongoing effort to increase our membership.

We have had a lot of weather to speak about in recent weeks. Fortunately, Mishkan Torah held her own against it all. As a result of the earthquake, we did have some ceiling tiles fall in the sanctuary which were quickly repaired. The power outages in Greenbelt during the hurricane and the heavy rains in September did not cause us any problems at all.

I wish you and your families a very happy, sweet, and healthy New Year. **More from Jackie on page 3**

THE NEW KLEZMER QUINTET TO PRESENT SPECIAL CONCERT OCTOBER 22

By Jeffrey Rosen

The New Klezmer Quintet is coming to Mishkan Torah for a rare one night only appearance on October 22 at 7:30 p.m. This exciting and renowned band will give the Mishkan Torah community the opportunity to experience its innovative, novel, and unique musical art form fusing klezmer music with disparate styles.

The last time the New Klezmer Quintet appeared at Mishkan Torah, it literally raised the roof in 2007 before a sold-out, enthusiastic house in a concert to raise funds to repair the Synagogue's then-leaking roof. The band played that night to a sold out, enthusiastic, and wildly cheering audience. The band has now accepted an invitation to return to Mishkan Torah for what will only be the third time, and perform a full-length concert of its unique music. This festive occasion promises to be a toe-tapping, soul-stirring, energizing highlight of the year you will not want to miss!

The concert will continue in the spirit of the ongoing theme of "From Generation to Generation." The band has several important familial ties to Mishkan Torah. The founding member of the Klezmer Quintet is drummer Brian Choper, the son of long-time Mishkan Torah members Jordan and Eva Choper. Well-known local violinist Alan Oresky, the son of beloved Mishkan Torah members of blessed memory Seymour and Estelle Oresky and the brother of Mishkan Torah member Saul Oresky, will be displaying his violin magic with the band. Additionally, another famed musician, Bruce Middle from the band "Fleetwood Mac" will be playing with the Quintet for the performance.

The New Klezmer Quintet has pioneered its own brand of klezmer music which takes the vocabulary of traditional klezmer and fuses it with disparate styles such as bluegrass, Middle Eastern, and even classic rock to meld its own unique style. The band has dubbed the style "Klezmer Fusion." To hear this new kind of music that merges traditional with modern, you

have to come to the October 22 concert! You will want to hear samples of the band's musical outpouring which you can do from its website at www.WashingtonEntertainmentConnection.com. Just see the "Bands" tab at the top and click on to "New Klezmer Quintet."



The New Klezmer Quintet last performed at Mishkan Torah in 2007. [Yes, I know there are six of them in the picture!]

The New Klezmer Quintet with its unique klezmer fusion sound has earned more than its share of renown on the musical scene. The band played for President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009. It has performed for notables including Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, then-Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and President of Russia Dimitry Medvedev. The band has additionally played at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and has been featured on National Public Radio.

The band has recorded a live album entitled "The New Klezmer Quintet-Unexpected Joy" which includes an vibrant mix of klezmer, Ladino, swing, and jazz. Tracks from the album have been placed on rotation on many radio stations and have been simulcast on National Public Radio.

The Mishkan Toran concert will be in the same vein. Each performance of the New Klezmer Quintet is a separate experience from the previous ones, tailored to the specific show. The widely anticipated concert at Mishkan Torah . . .

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IN THE MOOD FOR A LITTLE *NOSH*?

by Jackie Kling

If you answered, "Yes," I have an offer you can't refuse. But first, I want to thank Melanie Fishkind for her dedication to organizing *kiddush* volunteers following Shabbat morning services. She has put much time and effort into making sure things run smoothly and is soon passing that responsibility on to Mark Loewenstein. Thank you, Mark, for agreeing to take over. Debbie & Ed Brenner will continue to organize volunteers for Friday night. They have been doing so for many years and I want to thank them as well.

Now, back to that offer. Our volunteer pool of *Oneg* and *Kiddush* helpers on both Friday and Saturday has been declining slowly. Your help is needed now. Participating in this activity is a great way for someone who does

not wish to make a commitment to a committee or a long-term project to get involved once every few months. Men and women are welcome. In the past few years the kitchen has been renovated and organized which makes the job fairly simple. You will be paired with someone who has experience. You have the opportunity to schmooze while attending services. If you don't usually attend services this might give you a glimpse into your *shul* on Shabbat. You get to decide what you and everyone will *nosh* on. Please help *your shul* by allowing us to add your name to our list of wonderful volunteers. Contact Debbie or Ed for Friday night at Oneg@MishkanTorah.org or Mark for Saturday morning at Kiddush@MishkanTorah.org.

KLEZMERS ARE COMING, KLEZMERS ARE COMING . . . from page 2

will be no exception. The concert will include new compositions written by the band, some of which will include rock and Middle Eastern influences.

The concert is expected to be a complete sell out, including many persons from the whole community who are devotees of the band and its unique brand of music. Therefore, you are urged to avoid disappointment and order your tickets without further delay! Tickets are on sale at a price of \$23 per ticket if purchased in advance, and \$25 in the unlikely event any seats will be available at the door.

Tickets may be ordered directly from the Synagogue or online at Mishkan Torah's website, [www. MishkanTorah.org](http://www.MishkanTorah.org); then follow the prompt in the left-hand corner marked "Klezmer Concert."

To make matters easy, you may use the Flyer on page 4 in this issue of "The Trumpet" to order your tickets. You may take the opportunity to make additional donations in honor of the band when you order your tickets, and you may make a donation even if you are unable to attend the concert. We hope to see

you at what is sure to be an unforgettable musical evening!

ISRAELI DANCING FOR BEGINNERS

A ten-week class is being offered by one of the local Israeli dance session leaders on Tuesday nights from 7 - 8 p.m. beginning October 11

at Ohr Kodesh Synagogue in Chevy Chase, MD.

The cost is \$60 for adults, \$50 for students.

The fee includes a music CD of all dances taught and admission to the open dance session from 8-10:30. Contact markidmike@gmail.com for more information.



The Internationally Renowned Band

The New Klezmer Quintet

Returning to the Mishkan Torah Stage
with a unique multi-genre sound - "Klezmer Fusion"



Saturday,
October 22
at 7:30 p.m.

\$23 in advance
\$25 at the door

I/We would like to reserve _____ tickets @ \$23/ticket. \$ _____
I/We would like to make a donation—minimum \$18 (chai)
or multiples of \$18 (\$36, \$54, \$72, \$90, \$108) \$ _____

*All donors will be listed in the Program if donation is received by October 16th.
It is the ideal way to be included in this wonderful event,
whether or not you can attend!*

_____ Total enclosed: \$ _____
Names for Reservation and/or the Program

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

For more information about the band, audio clips and online RSVP;
Visit our web site at www.mishkantorah.org

SISTERHOOD SAYS...

By Irene Spector

The New Year is almost here and we have excellent plans, thanks to our program coordinators, Eva Garin and Niki Kohn. Put these dates on your calendar:

October 9 – Paid-up Membership

Luncheon: If you have paid your dues, come join us at the Macaroni Grill in Silver Spring.

October 16 – Sisters in the Sukkah: Our annual celebration of *Sukkot*. All current and prospective Sisterhood members are invited to the home of our President, Debbie Brenner, for a potluck dairy dinner. Come, chat with friends, old and new, and eat dinner in the *Sukkah*! Starts at 4:30 pm, see picture for more details.

October 22 – Klezmer concert: Sisterhood members are invited and encouraged to attend this Mishkan Torah event. It should be great music and a nice night out!

October 30 – Official first day of Rummage collection! To help us out, please sort and label your boxes (preferred) and/or bags. See Barbara Shansby's article in this *Trumpet*.

November 13 & 14 – RUMMAGE & BAKE Sale: Shop 'til you drop!

Hanukkah & Gift Shop Sale Coming

We have a Hanukkah craft program coming up in December, as well as a big Sisterhood Gift Shop SALE! Watch next month's *Trumpet* for more details. Until then, check out the beautiful displays and if you have any Gift Shop needs, call Alyce (after 10:30 am please).

Other reminders

Send a Mitzvah card to show sympathy, give support in times of sorrow or sickness, wish mazel tov or any other reason... call Becky Hirsch for this service (and you get Donor credit, too!)

Having a special simcha coming up? Call catering, headed by Alyce Strasser, to plan your event.

Rhyme Time

*What a busy time of the year,
But we'll keep you up to date, never fear!
Please read the Trumpet and you 'll know all
the plans;
We're sure what is offered will make you
Sisterhood Fans!!!
May you be inscribed (in the Book of Life) for a
good year.
L'shana tova!*



All current & prospective
members of the Mishkan Torah
Sisterhood: please join us
for this year's

**Sisters in the Sukkah
Pot Luck Dairy Dinner**

Sunday, October 16 2011

4:30 p.m.

at the home of Debbie Brenner
10801 Howard Terrace
Beltsville, MD 20705
RSVP recommended
by voice: 301-595-0658 or by
text 301-351-4576

RUMMAGE SALE IS ON THE WAY: ARE YOU READY TO HELP?

by Barbara Shansby

All of your clutter is looking for a new home, and can find it at the Sisterhood Rummage sale! Donations for the 2011 rummage sale will be accepted beginning Sunday, October 30. Due to a bar mitzvah on November 5, donations made between October 30 and November 5 should be left in the double classroom, first door past the bathroom on the left in the school building downstairs.

Beginning November 6, donations should be left in the side classroom next to the sanctuary. Please bring your donations early in that week (by Wednesday, November 9, if possible!) so that everything can be sorted and priced. Tax receipt statements will be available when your donations are dropped off.

Only One Week To Get Ready

We will only have one week to sort, price, and set up for the sale, so we are asking for your help in three ways.

First, we need people to volunteer to sort all donations and hang up clothing everyday from November 6 through November 11. On Saturday evening, November 12, we will need lots of help from 7:30 to 10 p.m. to set up for the sale on Sunday and Monday. During the sale volunteers will help straighten up the tables and take money. And finally, we'll need more volunteers during the sale and for clean up afterwards. Donor credit is earned by all Sisterhood members who work.

Second, if possible, please sort your donations before bringing them to the synagogue and label the bags or boxes indicating what is inside. We also need lots of large boxes. Please bring any that you may have.

Third and very important, we need you to please come and SHOP on Sunday, November 13 & again on Monday, November 14!!!

More Helpers Always Needed

Helping with Rummage is actually a lot of fun and a way to get to know some great women (and men too)! Please contact Barbara Shansby at 301-622-4653 or email at bshansby@gmail.com to offer help or for any information about the sale.

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

by Andrea Weiss

On Friday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m., Social Action is sponsoring a potluck supper at the synagogue before services. Please bring a kosher dairy dish to share. During services, David Norken will update us on the changes to the Americans with Disabilities law.

On Sunday, November 20, at 11 a.m., Social Action and Adult Education will be co-sponsoring a program on Judaism and the Environment. Lore Rosenthal, a local Greenbelt resident and the co-founder of Simplicity Matters Earth Institute, will be the presenter.

The Social Action Committee hopes that everyone found a book or two to donate to the children of Springhill Lake Elementary School. The book drive officially ended September 29, but Ronnie Scotkin is happy to continue to accept donations if you arrange a drop off with her.

MT Is Most Reliable Pantry Donor

Social Action is officially continuing to collect food for the pantry at St. Hugh's church. We have learned that Mishkan Torah is their most reliable supplier, and that there is great need this fall. Please place your nonperishable, non-glass, donations in the basket in the coat room.

Or, if you prefer, send a check payable to Mishkan Torah, with Greenbelt Cares in the memo line, to Ronnie Scotkin, Adult Education, at the Mishkan Torah address. The money collected will be used to purchase Giant scrip.



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 BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Mishkan Torah Synagogue

10 Ridge Road

Greenbelt, MD

301-474-4223

Tax Receipt Provided For Your Records

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 <i>Shabbat Shuvah/Parshat Ha'azinu</i>	9:30 a.m.
7 <i>Kol Nidre</i>	6:30 p.m.
8 <i>Yom Kippur Day/Yizkor</i>	9 a.m.
12 <i>Erev Sukkot</i>	7:30 p.m.
13 <i>First Day Sukkot</i>	9:30 p.m.
14 <i>Second Day Sukkot</i>	10 a.m.
15 <i>Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot</i>	9:30 a.m.
20 <i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>
20 <i>Erev Simchat Torah Services at 7:30; Parade</i>	8:15 p.m.
21 <i>Simchat Torah Services</i>	9 a.m.
21 <i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
24 <i>Shabbat Bereshit</i>	9:30 a.m.
28 <i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
29 <i>Shabbat Noah</i>	9:30 a.m.

OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

October 7

Aaron Dumas*
Cirel Flumbaum
Fred S. Gichner*
Samuel Jacobs*
Irving Rosen*
Harry Braverman*
Nettie Rosen*
Myer Zola*
Cherie Snyder
Samuel Ellerin*
Nelson Ellerin*
Martin P. Harris

October 14

Ethel Solomon*

Barbara Baren Beck*
Abe Kampinsky*
Marian Wolfe Cohen*
Bernice Levenson Jacobs*
Macy Savatsky*
Hyman Eisenblat*
Rita Gottlieb
Saul Michaels*
Joel Boldt

October 21

Sarah Goldstein*
Molly Epstein*
James Tomecek
Herman Granite*
Leonard Rappaport

Paul Levine
October 28
Jack Ratzkin*
Ida Ryss*
Minna Goldstein
Jack Lupo*
Florence Eisenberg*
Bernie Pearlman
Alice Pearlman*
Esther Cohen
David Benharroch
Malcolm Neil Liebroder*
Bessie Gold*
Moe Epstein*
Samuel Schwartz*

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT

4 <i>Erev Shabbat Family Services</i>	7:30 p.m.
5 <i>Shabbat Lech Lecha</i>	9:30 a.m.
11 <i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
12 <i>Shabbat Vayera</i>	9:30 p.m.
18 <i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
19 <i>Shabbat Chaye Sarah</i>	9:30 p.m.
24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	

Mishkan Torah Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

Yahrzeits

Yvette Boldt & the Boldt family for Yetta Edith Boldt & Elihu Boldt
 Jordan & Eva Choper for Adolph Traub & Ronald Axelrad
 Joan & David Goldenberg for John Dieterman
 Eileen Jackman for Jeanne Axelrod
 Selma Klein for Henry Gershfield & Abraham Klein
 Nancy & Marty Peckerar for Florence Druss & Gert Peckerar
 Harise Poland Wright for Henry Kurz
 Claire Rogal for Solomon S. Rogal & Mindy Rogal
 Steve & Linda Shevitz for Bernard Shevitz
 Carole Silverman for Vivian Pines
 Becky Silverstein for Dr. Billie G. Meese
 Stanley Stern for Julius Stern
 Susan Stregack for Helen Moldofsky
 Diane Tuckman for Diane Kritz
 Morton Tuckman for Herman S. Tuckman
 Nadine Wobus for Beatrice Leff

High Holiday Pledge President's Club

Coleen & Keith Chernikoff
 Sam & Lois Fields
 Karen Friedman
 Marcia Lissauer
 Marty & Nancy Peckerar

High Holiday Pledge

Paul Architzel & Stephanie Goodwin

Allmuth Ginsburg
 Joe Gurman
 Sam Hofberg
 Niki & Gary Kohn
 Raymond Krasnick
 Frank Pearlman
 Sue Ponemon
 Claire Rogal
 Fran Sanders
 Barbara & Ron Shansby
 Steve & Linda Shevitz
 Andrea Weiss & John Green
 Nadine Wobus

In Honor of The New Klezmer Quintet

Lois Darr

In Honor of . . .

Frank Pearlman by Jordan & Eva Choper for his various activities and services

In Honor of Young Leadership Award Honorees

Bret Goldstein & Darelynn Fung

Jayson Amster & Tassie Hanna
 Rae & Ron Brooks
 Angie Carmel
 Jordan & Eva Choper
 Jonathan Cohen & Mona Baumgarten
 Grant Goldstein & Sylvia Kim
 Annie Haber
 Jackie & Arnold Kling
 Steve & Janet Mirsky
 Saul & Phyllis Oresky
 Frank Pearlman
 Emily, Sarah & Tommie Schoendorf
 Ronnie Scotkin & Edward Hickey
 Irene & Sid Spector
 Beth & Phil Williams

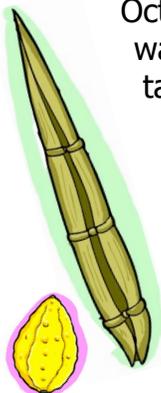
Yizkor

Paul Architzel & Stephanie Goodwin
 Jan Bloom
 Susan Bregman
 Rae & Ron Brooks
 Richard Cember
 Joel Cohen & Ethel Harris
 Jonathan Cohen & Mona Baumgarten
 Leonard & Rhea Cohen
 Lois Darr
 Janet Davis
 Pearl Ellerin
 Lois & Sam Fields
 Karen Friedman
 Robert & Judy Goldberg-Strassler
 Alan & Marsha Goldfine
 Dave & Evey Herschler
 Sam Hofberg
 Max & Ruth Horlick
 Ira Kalfus
 Gary & Niki Kohn
 Stuart & Marcie Kramer
 Raymond Krasnick
 Luis & Sheila Lemus
 Steven & Janet Mirsky
 Mel & Judy Morganstein
 Frank Pearlman
 Harise Poland Wright
 Hal Rappaport
 Claire Rogal
 Bill Schwartz & Chris Doyle
 Ronnie Scotkin & Ed Hickey
 Steve & Linda Shevitz
 Sid & Irene Spector
 Stan Stern & Judy Gallant
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser
 Susan Stregack & Rollin Fraser
 Irv Wartell
 Ellen Weiss
 Sue & Stephen Weiss
 Andrea Weiss & John Green
 Nadine Wobus

CHILDREN'S ED SETS SUKKOT ACTIVITIES

by Bret Goldstein

The Children's Education Committee will be decorating the synagogue *sukkah* on Sunday, October 9, beginning at 11 a.m. This will be our first year of trying out our re-useable walls, washing off our decorations from last year and then coming up with new ones. The kids take charge of most of the artwork, but please come join us to help hang the walls up.



Then on Wednesday evening, October 12th, we will kick off the festival of *Sukkot* with a dairy/pareve potluck in the *sukkah* beginning at 6 p.m. Please bring a dairy or *pareve* dish to pass, and remember, if you do bring in commercially prepared foods, they need to have a *hechsher* on them, according to congregational potluck guidelines. Everyone is welcome to enjoy and celebrate *z'man simchateinu* with us.

At 7:30, we will head inside for *Erev Sukkot* Family Services, which promise to be inspiring and interactive as always. Mark your calendars—*Sukkot* starts October 12

WAYS & MEANS

by Angie Carmel

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

First Young Leaders Award: To say that the first award in our new series was a huge success would be a serious understatement. We welcomed members from Beth Torah who had wanted to join us in honoring Bret and Darelynn. We got a hint of what was to come when Bret presented his *D'Var Torah* with the help of his young nephew and the kids from the Karp Family School. Then it was time for the program, which was based on first, "It's a Wonderful Life" and second, "This is Your Life," both written and performed by the Mishkan Torah Youth Group, under the watchful eyes of Renna Komisar and Dan Lowery. Sounds of laughter filled the sanctuary, especially from the front row where Bret and Darelynn were sitting. After the program, we enjoyed a wonderful luncheon prepared by Alyce Strasser and members of the Sisterhood.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success. In particular, special thanks must go to Dan Lowery, Arlene Gottlieb, Jeff Rosen, Phyllis Oresky and Arden Bronstein for all their hard work.

Saturday night, October 22, 7:30 – 10 p.m. As previously mentioned, the New Klezmer Quintet, led by our own Brian Choper, will be performing a fundraiser for Mishkan Torah. They will be playing a Klezmer/fusion mixture

of combo arrangements of Klezmer-Bluegrass. See the Mishkan Torah website under "Upcoming Events"



where you will have the opportunity to hear some of the music which will be played during the concert. Brian has also placed this event on his web sites so we expect the usual sell-out crowd. May we suggest that you get your reservations in early.

See Jeff Rosen's article elsewhere in this *Trumpet*, as well as the flyer giving information on how to how to make reservations.

Future Events: Save these 2012 dates:
 March 4 (snow date March 11) – A revival of one of Mishkan Torah's all-time favorite shows.
 April 21 – *Keter Shem Tov*. Watch for details.
 May 13 – Another big concert.

Also look for other surprise events during the course of the year.

Ways & Means is always looking for people to either join the committee or help in certain events. We have the Klezmer Concert after the High Holidays, then in 2012, we have a huge event in March, *Keter Shem Tov* in April, and another huge event in May. We can use any help offered.

FIRST YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD GOES TO GOLDSTEIN & FUNG

by Jeffrey Rosen

Bret Goldstein and Darelynn Fung were honored with the Synagogue's first ever Young Leadership Award before a packed house at Mishkan Torah on Shabbat morning, September 17. Bret and Darelynn were singled out for their selfless and enthusiastic work in reinvigorating the Karp Family School, of which Bret is the Education Director, and the Synagogue's youth program. Bret and Darelynn, who have been married for eighteen years, are full-time teachers in the Prince George's County Public School System.

The program ceremonies occurred at the conclusion of the regular Saturday morning Shabbat service in which both Bret and Darelynn participated, Darelynn reading Torah and Bret reading Torah and chanting Haftarah, prefaced by a lively tale he told while characteristically interacting with several of the children present. The Mishkan Torah Choir, under the direction of Rachel White, opened the program with two fitting pieces, a setting of the Barekhu (the call to prayer) by Salomon Rossi and L'Dor v'Dor ("Generation to Generation) by Cantor Meir Finkelstein.

After the adult choir's presentation, it was time to turn the stage over to the real stars, the children of the Karp Family School who performed several skits honoring their beloved mentors. The highlight was a take-off on the Jimmy Stewart classic holiday film *It's a Wonderful Life*, called, "It's a Wonderful Synagogue." Bret and Darelynn's two children Sam and Elta played their parents, who decided to leave Mishkan Torah and go roaming. Their eldest son, Aaron, played the indispensable angel Clarence who, with the help of the children of the school, lure Bret and Darelynn back and, of course, earns his spectacular butterfly-type wings. The skit ended with a rousing chorus of "*Hava Nagilah*" and a dance in which the real Bret and Darelynn, who are both highly proficient dancers, enthusiastically joined. The skit was directed by parent Aurena Komisar with the help and aid of her student daughter Amelia Komisar-Bury.

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen then paid tribute to the honorees, remarking that on three occasions, he had been loudly cheered by Mishkan Torah students on announcing the



religious school WAS going to happen the next day. The next two tributes came from religious school parents Mark Loewenstein and Nicole Burton. Mark read a letter sent from Israel by Udi Farber, who was a former University of Maryland Student who had taught under the tutelage of Bret for five years before returning to his native country. Both parents spoke movingly of their personal experiences with the honorees.

Mishkan Torah President Jackie King then presented the award itself, which features a beautiful painting of Mishkan Torah by resident artist Marsha Goldfine, and Master of Ceremonies Dan Lowery displayed the plaque on which award winners will be listed and which will hang in the Synagogue's entrance hall. Bret and Darelynn also received a scrapbook with mementos of their tenure at the Karp Family School which the students had assembled. The final word belonged to the honorees. Bret stated that he and Darelynn had brought their particular ability to teach and nurture children to the Synagogue, and that there was plenty of opportunity for others to offer their own unique abilities. The wonderful morning ended with a superb lunch catered by Sisterhood.

'THANK YOU' AND INVITATION FROM YOUNG LEADERSHIP HONOREES: TODAH RABAH TO OUR MISHKAN TORAH FAMILY

We were thrilled and honored to be selected as the first recipients of the *Young Leadership Award* at Mishkan Torah. The presentations were so touching and personal; they elicited laughter, good memories, and a few tears.

We wish to thank everyone who attended and enjoyed the celebration with us. Special thanks to the Ways & Means committee (extra nod to Dan Lowery, Jeff Rosen and Angie Carmel) for organizing the event, Rachel White and the Mishkan Torah choir for the beautiful music, Rabbi Jonathan Cohen and Cantor Phil Greenfield for the inspiring service, Alyce Strasser and Sisterhood for the delicious luncheon, Beth Williams for the treasure of a scrapbook, Arlene Gottlieb for being the number one utility player, Renna Komisar and the students for a fantastic show that will be replayed in our minds for years to come, and our own children, Aaron, Sam, and Elta—you definitely know the Fifth Commandment!

Bret & Darelynn

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO SAM'S BAR MITZVAH



Bret Goldstein and Darelynn Fung are thrilled to invite the entire Mishkan Torah community to celebrate the simcha of their son, Sam, being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 5.

Sam is an eighth grade honor roll student at Greenbelt Middle School, where he truly enjoys his classes, friends, and extracurricular activities. He plays percussion in the school band, adding to his study of piano with Sheila Lemus, and has been seen in several Greenbelt dramatic productions through both Camp Encore and the "Make a Scene" troupe. Rounding out his experience in the performing arts, Sam has begun taking tap dance classes at the New Chicago Dance Studio.

Sam is an exceptionally imaginative, insightful, and humorous young man who enjoys making his own movies with his friends and playing the drumset in their rock band. He dabbles in sports (baseball and football are his favorites) and has attended the Karp Family Hebrew School since second grade, joining Mishkan Torah's Youth Group this year.

For his project, Sam is focusing on the fight against hunger, a cause that he has been interested in since he was very young. You can help Sam with his project by visiting the website he created for donations (including, naturally, his own original video) at <http://tinyurl.com/samsproject>.

So please join us on Saturday, November 5 as we celebrate the *simcha* of Sam's Bar Mitzvah.

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YOUTH GROUP BEGINS ACTIVE YEAR

by Martha Tomecek

The Youth group, with Rebecca Lemus and Rachel White leading and facilitating programs, is looking for an activity-filled year. The calendar of events is on the Mishkan Torah website. Activities for September included helping the Religious committee with various tasks such as counting and organizing the High Holiday booklets, chair set up, etc. Some members of the youth group have been reading from the Torah for the High Holidays.



They also did fabulously at the Labor Day Parade earning money that can go towards their events. Congratulations especially to Marissa Lowery for initiating and coordinating the parade and to all who participated.

Their first organized activity for the school year is taking place Oct 1 and 2 when they will visit the Kayam Farm (pictured above) which is located at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD. They will be spending the night at the farm.

Even though Darelynn is no longer listed as youth co-coordinator she is still performing this role in many invaluable ways. Thank you, Darelynn!

MISHKAN TORAH AVERTS LABOR DAY WEEKEND POTATO FAMINE

By Steve Mirsky

Anxious Labor Day Festival attendees line up for French Fries

MTP (Mishkan Torah Press) September 6, 2011. It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. At Greenbelt's Annual Labor Day Festival, the Mishkan Torah Men's Club once again provided our signature French fries. In spite of some rain, fewer customers, shorter Festival hours and more competition from professional food vendors, MT was able to make a profit. Plus, the booth set-up and clean up were done more smoothly and efficiently than ever.

Several people gave extremely helpful financial support to the booth. For the third consecutive year, Robert Silverman arranged for all of the white and sweet potatoes at no cost. Harold Silverman and Bill Novick, owner of the Greenbelt Sunoco station on Crescent Road by Roosevelt Center, generously provided us with free ice. (I have all my auto maintenance and repair done at Greenbelt Sunoco, also known as Greenbelt Service Station and highly recommend them!) And Darelynn Fung introduced a new booth partner for the normally unused Shabbat hours Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, the PTA of Greenbelt Middle School. The Men's Club was pleased to include some new volunteers this year, who were trained by the regulars. This year's Fryer's Club roster: set-up was done by Ed Hickey, Sue Ungar, Sam Fields, Dan Lowery, Dan Strickman and Janet Mirsky; Wendy Garson graciously picked up the potatoes; the booth was staffed by Wendy, Stephen Feinberg, Martha Tomecek, Michel Cavigelli, Annie Haber, David Granite and Mary Lou Oster-Granite, Sam Fields, Jeff Brown, David and Alex Norken, Ron Brooks, Reuben Cohen, Keith Chernikoff, Harold Silverman, Robert Goldberg-Strassler, Stephen Ungar, Jerry Brodsky, Jackie Kling, David Goldenberg, Arlene Gottlieb, Dan and Marissa Lowery, and Sam Shmerl; and the clean-up was handled by the Goldstein/Fung family. For those of you who were not able to volunteer or missed out because of some conflict, please don't worry, I will be calling you again next summer!



VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE TO RESCUE KITCHEN AFTER RAIN, WIND, & EARTHQUAKE CAUSE POWER OUTAGE; ONLY LOSS IS ICE CREAM – GOSH DARN IT!



Many thanks to Rachel White, Alex Saviet, Liz Ahmann, Judy Goldberg-Strassler, and Saul Oresky [not pictured] for answering my plea for help in the kitchen after the power outage from the hurricane. I was extremely heartened by your support. Thankfully, we only had to dispose of ice cream. Photo by Jackie Kling

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