

Trumpet



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YOU SHOULD COME TO SHUL. REALLY!

by Jackie Kling, President

I'm a frequent attendee at Shabbat morning services and I can tell you first hand that I always leave thinking that I'm glad I came. Some days it's because I have learned



something interesting and some days it's because humor abounds and I've had a good laugh from the spontaneous jokes and puns. Some days I

enjoy being around the school children and some days I enjoy schmoozing. Some days I'm just glad I had a chance to sit and think. It is often a combination of these aspects, but then there are those days that really stand out. One of those days occurred in early August during the sermon/discussion led by Saul Oresky.

Saul asked the congregation for thoughts on what is good in this world today and what we can do to make things better in light of the depressing economic, political, and social turmoil which, he thought, seems to be worse than at any other time in his life. The conversation began with ideas like letting our voices be heard by voting and writing to elected officials. It

ultimately took a turn when Arlene Gottlieb raised her hand.

At the risk of being called a Pollyanna, she offered that she sees the good in this world in her efforts, and the efforts of others, to do the small acts of kindness that might make a difference for just one person. And then...the flash mob began. Cantor Greenfield told of how he has become a more generous tipper and how he had donated funds to help a student in his community attend college. We learned that Chana Mason and her mother volunteer at a local food bank. I carry around pop-top canned goods in my car to distribute to needy people at traffic intersections.

During kiddush, others told of their small efforts. Who knew? Someone even suggested that we start a conversation on Google Plus among our Mishkan Torah members. We could exchange ideas with the possibility of encouraging others to act. That Shabbat served as a reminder of one of the reasons I like Mishkan Torah and I'm glad I was there.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at *shul* during the High Holidays. But after you have tired of chicken soup, brisket, kugel, etc., take some time to come to *shul*. I hope you'll be glad you did.

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RABBI: WE CAN LEARN MUCH FROM HARRY POTTER

Last month, Mona, Reuben and I saw the final Harry Potter movie. Like millions of other American families, we have been passionately following Harry's adventures ever since the first movie came out some ten years ago. Indeed, the first film impressed me so much that I went out and bought the three books that had already come out and read them in little more than a week. We then pre-ordered each of the subsequent volumes as soon as the their publication dates were announced, and would wait impatiently for the UPS truck to deliver them on the day of each book's release.

For those who have not followed Harry Potter, let me introduce you to the teen-age



hero of a series of seven novels written by the British author J. K. Rowling – novels that combine elements of fantasy, adventure, and personality development. The books chronicle the

exploits of Harry and his best friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger – all three of whom are students of witchcraft and wizardry at a very British boarding school named Hogwarts. The main story concerns Harry's quest to overcome a powerful and evil wizard, named Voldemort, who seeks to subjugate non-magical people, conquer the wizarding world, and destroy all those who stand in his way – especially Harry Potter. The books are enormously entertaining and one indication of J.K. Rowling's genius is that she has created a fictional world that parents can enthusiastically share with their children. As of June 2011, the book series has sold about 450 million copies and has been translated into 67 languages; the last four books consecutively set records as the fastest-selling books in history.

But the Harry Potter books interest me as a rabbi as much as they do as a parent. Not surprisingly, some religious leaders – especially

those of a more conservative bent and including the current Pope – have denounced the books as conflicting both with the Bible and morality. They insist that the sorcery depicted in Harry's world – a world in which magical people predict the future, change shapes and communicate with ghosts – sends an "unscriptural" message. They believe that witchcraft is real and fear that children who are enthralled by the astrology, numerology, mediumship, and crystal-gazing portrayed in the books will seek to emulate these occult arts. Some have even called for the books to be banned from public school libraries and have staged book burnings. Indeed, the Potter books top the banned book list for the decade 2000-2009, as compiled by the American Library Association.

Other religious reviewers see the wizarding element of the books as merely the colorful, make-believe background to a story that at its core is actually about morality. For example, William T. Devlin, an evangelical Presbyterian minister and social activist, argues that instead of using their energy to debate about a fantasy, people of faith should devote themselves to confronting evil in the real world. I agree with Devlin. To me, the Harry Potter books deliver lessons about the power of love, courage, loyalty and sacrifice; about right and wrong; and about the power of our choices to determine who we are. All of these are profoundly Jewish values that most of us would want to impart to our children.

Even a superficial understanding of Jewish history proves that evil is real and that it triumphs when good people seek to deny its existence. In the Potter books, even after Voldemort starts killing people to advance his foul aims, many of the wizards bury their heads in the sand because they don't want to believe it. Rowling herself has said that, to her, the moral significance of the tales seems "blindingly obvious." The key for her is the choice between what is right and what is easy, "because that . . .

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is how tyranny is started, with people being apathetic and taking the easy route and suddenly finding themselves in deep trouble.” And at the end of the series, it is only when the good wizards finally unite to act collectively that they have the power to defeat Voldemort.

When we move from the realm of ethics to that of folklore, we find even more parallels between Rowling’s stories and Jewish values. Since the very beginning of our existence as a people, we Jews have loved a compelling story. The Talmud and Midrash – not to forget the folklore of Jewish communities around the world – are full of fantastical tales of golems (human-made men); magic transformations; the shamir (a talking worm that had the power to cut through stone); dybbuks (the dislocated souls of dead people that have attached themselves to living persons); and Elijah, who magically walks between heaven and earth and who instantly appears if someone in great trouble or danger calls for his help.

Let me cite just one parallel between Jewish folklore and the Harry Potter series: Each of the witches or wizards has a wand through which they channel their magical powers. Although the term “magic wand” doesn’t appear as such in the Torah, there are many examples in the Torah of staves, sticks or rods that are essentially the same thing: objects used to carry out miracles. Both Moses and Aaron had staves with which they performed wonders. Moses transformed his staff into a snake in front of Pharaoh and later used it to split the Sea of Reeds. When the Jews were in the desert, his staff brought water from a rock and Aaron’s blossomed into an almond tree. The Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hassidism, taught that Moses and Aaron’s staves represent a link to the power of God and that the miracles effected by them were continuations of the power used to create the universe.

Although many of us see Judaism as essentially rationalistic, we should never forget that it has had a long and tenacious

relationship with magical beliefs and practices. To be sure, the Torah repeatedly prohibits magic. For example, we read in Deuteronomy 18:10-11: “There shall not be found among you ... anyone who practices divination, a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer.” Yet in other biblical contexts, practices that would seem to be similarly questionable – interpreting dreams, using magic staves, reciting blessings or curses, and referring to oracles – figure prominently as suitable behaviors for the heroes of ancient Israel. But although it regarded magic as real, the Torah always treated it as inferior to the transcendent power of God. This is neatly illustrated by the confrontation between Moses and the Egyptian wizards in Pharaoh’s court. While the author of Exodus accepted at face value that the Egyptians possessed paranormal powers, by the third plague even they had to admit they had nothing to counter the feats of the God of Israel.

The rabbis in the Talmud made a similar distinction. They opposed other people’s magic as the “ways of the Amorites” while describing their own magical acts with wonder and pride. In one *Talmudic* story, the prestige of a sage is significantly enhanced when it becomes apparent that his Torah knowledge gave him supernatural powers that stopped a house from collapsing.

In the Middle Ages, *Kabbalah* (Jewish mystical literature) split into two branches: *iyunit* (theoretical) and *ma’asit* (practical). The *Kabbalah ma’asit* explained the mystical values of Hebrew letters and offered formulas for affecting the world through meditation and name-recitation – all of which might be considered examples of Jewish incantations and spells. But the Kabbalah is careful to distinguish between those who use their abilities for the good and loving one’s neighbor – like Harry Potter, and those who use it for evil and selfish gain – like Voldemort.

BRET GOLDSTEIN & DARELYNN FUNG EARN YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

by Jeffrey Rosen

At Shabbat morning services on September 17, the entire Mishkan Torah community will honor the two people who have reinvigorated Mishkan Torah's youth and education programs, Bret Goldstein and Darelynn Fung. Bret and Darelynn, with their ability, energy, and enthusiasm, have brought a whole new vigor to this vital facet of our Synagogue's life. Now, the community they have served so well will have the pleasure of honoring and thanking the true Pied Pipers of Mishkan Torah for what they have done for our most important resource, our children.

The Young Leadership Award was created to honor younger members who have made outstanding efforts and unique contributions to the life of the Synagogue with special emphasis on youth activities. The Young Leadership Award is yet another embodiment and manifestation of the Ways & Means Committee's ongoing theme, "From Generation to Generation." Bret and Darelynn personify the criteria for the Award and are the inevitable choices to be our first recipients.

Bret and Darelynn's ability with young people is woven into their personas. They've been married for eighteen years and have three children, Aaron, Sam and, Elta. They both teach at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. Bret has served as Education Director and/or Education Chair since 2001, first at Beth Torah Congregation, next at the joint school, then at the Karp Family School since 2007 when Bret and Darelynn joined Mishkan Torah. He has led Mishkan Torah Family Services the first Friday of every month since 2005, and Children's High Holiday Services since 2007.

Darelynn, a trained bassoonist, dancer, and music teacher, has been co-administrator of the Mishkan Torah Facebook page. She helped design the Mishkan Torah website, organized the Yoga Shabbat Program, and was co-chair of the Youth Programs Committee. Bret and Darelynn have not only joined their talents on behalf of Mishkan Torah's young people, but have played in Flashlight, which they describe as a "funky/go-go band" for the past twenty years on the wedding and bar mitzvah circuit.

Bret and Darelynn are to be honored for nothing less than revivifying and strengthening Mishkan Torah's education and youth programs to the vital point they are at today. Whether it is presiding over an active and thriving Karp Family School, leading creative Friday night services, or engaging in musical performances with and for our young people, Bret and Darelynn have been there in the forefront for our children.

September 17 will be a festive day in true Mishkan Torah tradition. Skits and other forms of entertainment by Bret's and Darelynn's natural constituency, students from the school and youth group, will highlight the program. Once the tributes to the honorees and the ceremonial presentation of the Young Leadership Award are concluded, Bret and Darelynn will respond; all will be followed by a sumptuous luncheon. There will also be a special souvenir program book.

The tribute to Bret and Darelynn will replace Musaf at the Saturday morning service after the the Torah service, Aleinu, and Mourners' Kaddish; consequently, anyone desiring to say Kaddish should be present at the conclusion of the Torah service.

You will not want to miss the celebration of our tireless, marvelous honorees who have done so much for our children. Tickets for the luncheon are on sale now. The Ways and Means Committee has held the price down to only \$11.50 per ticket, which is the price of the food. You may purchase your tickets from the Synagogue or online from the Synagogue's website, www.MishkanTorah.org.

To make things even easier, you may use the flyer appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Trumpet. You may also make a donation in their honor. All persons who make a donation will be specially listed in the souvenir book, as will all attendees of the luncheon. In order to prepare enough food for the occasion, you must make a reservation in advance.

We know you will want to come out and show your support for Bret and Darelynn on their big day. By so doing, you will be giving a vote of confidence to Mishkan Torah's high-flying youth and educational programs, and to our future in the form of our children. Plan to attend what will be a festive, fabulous, and fantastic function. See you on September 17!

Join us in honoring the first recipients of the Mishkan Torah

Young Leadership Award



Bret Goldstein & Darellynn Fung

For their continuing dedication to Mishkan Torah's youth

September 17, 2011
beginning at 9:30 am



Please fill in this form & return with your Luncheon Reservation by September 9, 2011.

Names* _____ Phone# _____

Cost for meal: \$11.50/person # attending _____ x \$11.50 = \$ _____

Please consider a donation in their honor. \$ _____

I/We are unable to attend but would like to make a donation in their honor. \$ _____

Checks payable to Mishkan Torah TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

- As you want them to appear in the Program Book on the Donors and/or Attendees Page.
- Reservations can also be made online at www.mishkantorah.org

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER APPEARANCE OF THE NEW KLEZMER QUINTET OCT. 22

by Jeffrey Rosen

The last time the New Klezmer Quintet appeared at Mishkan Torah, it literally raised our roof in 2007 before a sold-out, enthusiastic audience to raise funds to repair the Synagogue's then-leaking roof. The Quintet hopes to "raise the roof" once again at a special Fundraiser at the Synagogue on Saturday night, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. The band has graciously accepted an invitation to appear once again for what should be an evening of toe-tapping, soul-stirring, memorable music-making. This festive occasion promises to be a highlight of the year you will not want to miss!

In keeping with 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, as a bonus, another famed musician, Bruce Middle from the band Fleetwood Mac will be joining the Quintet for this performance.

The New Klezmer Quintet plays its own brand of klezmer music which can best be characterized as a fusion of klezmer with other musical styles. Traditional klezmer developed among the Jews of Eastern Europe as the joyous, infectious music of weddings and other celebrations. The New Klezmer Quintet takes the vocabulary of traditional klezmer and fuses it with disparate styles such as blue grass, middle eastern, and even classic rock to meld its own unique style. 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 with its unique klezmer fusion sound has more than made its mark 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 energetic 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. Each performance of the New Klezmer Quintet is a separate experience from the previous ones, tailored to the occasion of the show. The gala concert at Mishkan Torah on October 22 will be no exception. The concert will include new compositions written by the band, some of which will include rock and middle eastern influences.

A unique, festive, one of a kind gala occasion like this is an absolute must. 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. You will want to order your tickets in advance for what will certainly be a complete sell-out. Tickets may be ordered directly from the Synagogue or online at Mishkan Torah's website, www.MishkanTorah.org and follow the prompt in the right-hand corner marked "Klezmer Concert." To make matters easy, you may use the Flyer included in this issue of *The Trumpet* to order your tickets. We hope to see you at what is sure to be an unforgettable musical evening, fusing modernity with beloved tradition!

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

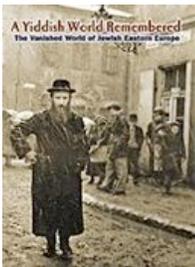
Make checks payable to Mishkan Torah and send the reservation to the office.
(Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD, 20770)

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 Erev Shabbat Family Services	7:30 p.m.
3 Shabbat Parshat Shoftim	9:30 a.m.
5 Labor Day	
9 Erev Shabbat Services	7:30 p.m.
10 Shabbat Parshat Ki Tetze	9:30 a.m.
16 Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
17 Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo –No Musaf/Early Mourner's Kaddish	9:30 a.m.
17 Young Leader Award Program & Luncheon	After Services
23 Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
24 Shabbat Parshat N'Tzavim/VaYelech	9:30 a.m.
24 Selichot Program (see below)	10 p.m.
28 Erev Rosh Hashanah	8 p.m.
29 First Day Rosh Hashanah	9 a.m.
30 Second Day Rosh Hashanah	9 a.m.

SELICHOT PROGRAM TO FEATURE *A YIDDISH WORLD REMEMBERED*



The Selichot program this year will feature the screening of *A Yiddish World Remembered*. This movie presents the story of Jewish life in Eastern Europe as brought to life by some of the few remaining eyewitnesses. Narrated by Academy Award nominated actor Elliott Gould and accompanied by never-before-seen archival films, vintage photographs, and, of course, traditional Klezmer and cantorial music, the documentary takes a realistic and enlightening look at this unique and all-but-vanished way of life. For those in rural communities, there was often no running water or electricity. For many, anti-Semitism was a part of daily life. But for everyone, crowded conditions and poverty

seemed to prevail.

Despite these trials, through the eyes of the individuals interviewed, we learn that Jewish communities were close-knit and often even joyous places to live. This world was imbued with the spiritual and religious treasures of Jewish civilization, and bound together by the polyglot language, Yiddish. This Emmy Award winning Documentary explores everything from the fascinating language of Yiddish to the Rabbis and Rebbes who often ran the communities to the powerful Jewish movements of Hasidism, Bundism and Zionism. Aired nationally on PBS, this version contains over 20 minutes of bonus footage and interviews not seen in the broadcast.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Fri, Oct 7: Kol Nidre – 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Oct 8: Yom Kippur – 9 a.m.

Wed, Oct 12: Erev Sukkot – 7:30 p.m.

Thu, Oct 13: Sukkot 1 – 9:30 p.m.

Fri, Oct 14: Sukkot 2 – 10 a.m.

Thu, Oct 20: Shemini Atzeret – 9:30 a.m.

Thu, Oct 20: Erev Simchat Torah – 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Oct 21: Simchat Torah – 9 a.m.

Mishkan Torah Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

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 Jordan & Eva Choper for Isidore Choper & Hedi Axelrad
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 Helen Wilson for Louis Wilson

In Memory of ...

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 by Laurie Siegel
 by Janet Davis
 Harriet Kramer by Janet Davis

High Holiday Pledge President's Club

Joan & David Goldenberg
 Dave & Linda Spevack

In Honor of . . .

Dr. Stanley Becker by Susan & William Zuk

In Honor of

Young Leadership Award Honorees

Bret Goldstein & Darelynn Fung

Janet Davis
 Jeffrey & Sara Rosen
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Rabbi's Discretionary fund

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SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS

September 2

Mindy Rogal
 Vivian Pines*
 David Fisher
 Dr. Billie G. Meese
 Stanley Schultz
 John Dieterman
 Mary Cohn*
 Ben Flumbaum

September 9

Ruth Gassner
 Albert Abraham Ellerin*
 Herman S. Tuckman*
 Elihu Boldt
 Rabbi Daniel Goldberger
 Helen L. Chasanow*
 Helen W. Moldofsky*
 Jacob Jack Morris*
 Beatrice Skolnik*
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September 16

Beatrice Leff
 Julius Stern
 Abraham Klein*
 Florence Druss*
 Louis Rosen*
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 Selma K. Husik*
 Ronald H. Axelrad*
 Yetta Edith Boldt*
 Becky Mintz*
 Shelley Negin*
 Harry Krasnick
 Mania Dudek
 Norman Wallach*
 Harry I. Greenbaum*
 Diane Kritt*

September 23

Nathan Shinderman*

Adolf Traub*

Daniel Alter*

Bernard Shevitz

Joseph Chaimovich Milinevsky

September 30

Isaac Algaze*
 Henry Gershfield*
 David Karp*
 Martin Felsen*
 Milton Lowens
 Harold Aryai Siegel*
 Joseph Roth*
 Beatrice Louise Kugel*
 Sonia Klein*
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 Israel Finder
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 Edith Strasser*
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SISTERHOOD SAYS . . .

By Irene Spector

Eva Garin and Niki Kohn have many interesting programs planned for the new year so take your calendars out and get ready to write them down.

Saturday, September 17 – Bret Goldstein and Darelynn Fung will be honored for their work with the young folks. Sisterhood will be catering the luncheon, so please call Robin Olson if you can volunteer to help prepare for the event. Donor credit will be earned.

Sunday, October 9 – If you have not already paid your dues, please do so now. Then you will get an invitation to our wonderful **Paid-Up Sisterhood luncheon**, which will be sent out in September.

Sunday, October 16 – All Sisterhood members & prospective members are invited to our annual **Sisters in the Sukkah**. This year it will be a potluck dairy lunch. Thanks to Debbie Brenner for hosting. Do you have a *sukkah*? If you would like to host next year, please mention it to Debbie!

Saturday, October 22 – Klezmer concert. This is a Mishkan Torah event and Sisterhood members are encouraged to come and enjoy the music!

Sunday, October 30 – We will begin collecting for the **Rummage Sale**. It is now time to empty your closets! Please read the information about this year's sale in this Trumpet! Then call Barbara Shansby to offer your help setting up for the sale which will be November 13 and 14.

December – Chanukah programs in the planning stage.

Sunday, January 22, 2012 – Heads up!!! We will have our Second Annual **Book Discussion**. Start reading **Day After Night** by Anita Diamant.

Please save the following 2012 dates. More information will be available at the Paid-Up Membership luncheon.

February 12 – Wellness Afternoon

March 18 – Pesach cooking program.

April 29 – Jewelry Sale

May 24 – Elections and program.

June 5 or 12 – Donor Event.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Mitzvah Cards – Call Becky Hirsch for her speedy, efficient service. Remember that cards bought or sent are credited to your donor total.

Catering – Having a special simcha? Call our catering maven Alyce Strasser (not before 10:30 a.m. please) who always has great ideas for a great party.

Gift Shop – Watch the display windows for the beautiful items available. Call Alyce (not before 10:30 a.m. please) and make an appointment to meet her for the special attention she will provide to help you. This is a good time to get started on buying your Chanukah gifts.

RHYME TIME

*As the New Year approaches, we become filled with new hope;
Some things become difficult, but we know we can cope.
With Sisterhood continuing to keep things rolling along,
We know we'll all work together and we'll be a successful throng.
Before this column ends and it becomes time for Fall,
Let me say right now, "L'Shana Tova to all!"*

RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING!

by Barbara Shansby

Now that summer is over, our thoughts naturally turn to...The Rummage Sale! This is the perfect opportunity to de-clutter your house of all excess clothes, pots, pans, utensils, books, toys, and *tchokes* of all types. When you donate them to the Sisterhood Rummage Sale, you're helping Mishkan Torah with the funds raised from the sale. This year the Rummage collection will start on Sunday, October 30, and the sale will be on Sunday, November 13 and Monday November 14. Because the synagogue is being used for a very special bar mitzvah on November 6, the Sisterhood will only have one week to sort, price and arrange all of the items for sale. Next month we will be giving more details about how to donate your goods, and asking for extra help that will be needed to meet this special circumstance, such as some pre-sorting and labeling. Please contact Barbara Shansby at [301-622-4653](tel:301-622-4653) or email at bshansby@gmail.com to offer help or for any information about the sale.



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

THANK YOU, MEN'S CLUB VOLUNTEERS

By Steve Mirsky

On July 31, thirteen selfless members of Mishkan Torah showed up to clean the equipment for the Men's Club Labor Day Festival French Fries Booth. After a quick sandwich and beverage, each of them grabbed a scrubber, went out back into the hot July sun, and made the fryers, warming trays, cutters, and baskets look as good as new!

Many thanks go to Stephen Feinberg, Wendy Garson, Sam Fields, Ron Brooks, David Granite, Mary Lou Oster-Granite, Stephen and Sue Ungar, Reuben Cohen, Dan Lowery, Irv Wartell, Jordan Choper, and Janet Mirsky.

Thanks also to Bob Silverman who has agreed again to donate all the potatoes free. The labor day booth shifts are being filled. The Greenbelt Middle School PTA will clean up in exchange for use of the booth until sundown Friday and Saturday.

New booth rules include: closing at 9:30 p.m. instead of midnight, no Styrofoam, and using energy efficient light bulbs.

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

by Andrea Weiss

The Social Action Committee has a busy fall program schedule. This month, in conjunction with Children's Education, we are running a children's book drive, to collect books for the children of Springhill Lake Elementary School. Please comb your shelves for gently used books or pick up new books to donate. There will be donation boxes in the coatroom and in the religious school. All books will be appreciated; however, graphic novels are very popular with the reluctant readers.

On Sunday, November 20 Social Action and Adult Education will be cosponsoring a program on Judaism and the Environment, which will be led by Lore Rosenthal, a local Greenbelt resident and the co-founder of Simplicity Matters Earth Institute. Details to follow.

Thanks to those who came out for our summer blood drive—we collected 20 pints of blood, our best yield to date. For those who like to plan ahead, please note that we will be hosting another blood drive on Sunday, December 4, from 11:30 to 4.



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August 28 - September 28

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WAYS & MEANS

by Angie Carmel

The Ways & Means Committee reminds everyone to please donate canned and **Saturday morning, September 17, 2011.**

Time is getting short for you to make your reservations to honor Bret Goldstein and Darelynn Fung with our first Young Leaders Award for all of their hard work with the school and youth. Following shortened Shabbat services will be a program written by our very talented students from the Karp Family School and the Youth Group, as well as musical entertainment. This is a must-see event, which we hope will also encourage guests who are nonmembers to become members once they see what a unique community we have at Mishkan Torah. Then there will be a special Kiddush prepared by Alyce Strasser and the ladies from the Sisterhood. See the article by Jeff Rosen elsewhere in this Trumpet, as well as the flyer giving details on how to purchase tickets to honor this well-deserving couple. As you know, we cannot sell tickets at the door because it is Shabbat, so please make your reservations by the deadline date.

Saturday night, October 22, 7:30. As noted earlier, the New Klezmer Quintet, led by our own Brian Choper, will be performing a fundraiser for our *shul*. They will be playing a Klezmer/fusion mixture of arrangements combining Klezmer & Bluegrass. If you visit the Mishkan Torah website and select "Upcoming Events," 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 websites so we expect the usual sell-out crowd.

Don't forget these future event dates:

March 4, 2012 (snow date March 11, 2012) - A revival of one of Mishkan Torah's all-time favorite shows.

May 13, 2012. Another big concert to enrich and delight you.

packaged nonperishable foods for the Greenbelt Food Bank.

We have two events scheduled for this year, both of which follow our Generation to Generation theme.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

by Phyllis Oresky

We are excited about increasing our membership this year, and want to let you know about something new going on around Mishkan Torah. This past Shabbat morning, we had a special *kiddush* to honor people with August birthdays. We had a larger number of people attend services, the two celebrants had a special aliyah, and we feasted on a delicious, expanded *kiddush* after services. I am hoping to make this a new tradition around Mishkan Torah, and I need your help. If your birthday is in September, and you want to get your name on the weekly shavuon and partake in this new celebration, please contact me and I will be in touch with you. Also, if you would like your name to be in future Trumpet issues as an October or November celebrant, for example, call or email me. I cannot print your name without your permission. Ideally, I would LOVE to have everyone's birthdays printed ahead of time in our Trumpet, so feel free to contact me as soon as possible, and I will keep a record of all birthdays for future celebrations. I think this will be a fun tradition!

I would also love to have a *Succah* Hop during *Succot*, so please let me know if you and your family will be building a *succah* this year, and would be willing to host a group during the holiday. We have done this in the past, and it has been really enjoyable. Finally, if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to increase our membership, please be in touch with either me or with our co-chair, Arden Bronstein.

If you think you know a prospective member, please let me know and I will get in touch with them.

Thanks so much!



The Mishkan Torah Men's Club French Fries Booth will be in operation once again during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Drop by and support their efforts. If you haven't tried the sweet potato fries, you're in for a real treat.

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