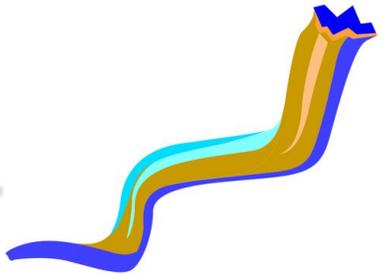


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Mishkan Torah Trumpet



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L'DOR V'DOR: THEME FOR 5771

By Steve Mirsky, President

Mishkan Torah's membership is a diverse one. We include, at last count, 79 families, 55 singles, and 8 associates. This means we have young children, older children, teens, adults, and seniors, some married and some not, all of whom are interested in what Mishkan Torah has to offer them.



This year the Ways and Means Committee is going to focus their fundraising on "building bridges". By bringing together young and "more seasoned", we can forge stronger bonds and grow as a congregation. We'll get new ideas to be more attractive to young families. We'll have more programs involving our young adults. These bridges are essential to our future. Each week in Sabbath prayers, we chant "l'dor v'dor", from generation to generation. We need to put these words into actions. So the theme of L'Dor V'dor will be integrated into activities sponsored by the Adult Education, Children's Education, Social Action, and other committees as well. Keep your eyes on upcoming events this year! You will see some new and innovative programs that will involve more participation from all our generations and generate more interest.

On the information technology front, I am pleased to announce that, at the last Board Meeting, the Board approved the creation of a public Facebook site for Mishkan Torah. This 'e-venue' has been in use for many years and will offer a social network medium for many of our members. It will also open up another means of publicizing upcoming Mishkan Torah events. Quite a few synagogues already have Facebook

sites and have had very positive feedback from their members. Kudos to our members Beth Williams and Darelynn Fung for suggesting and preparing our new Facebook presence on the internet! This new medium will also serve to support our L'Dor V'dor theme for 5771. Look for an announcement on details in the near future.

What does it take to run Mishkan Torah?

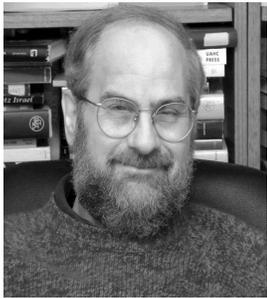
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not far away and with the many activities and emotions I associate with the Days of Awe, I have my High Holiday Appeal or, as one of my predecessors has called it, "the sermon on the amount"! Continued on page 3

MISHKAN TORAH HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: 2010-5771

- Saturday, Sept. 4 – Selichot: 10 p.m.
(Movie: *Shanghai Ghetto*)
- Wednesday, Sept. 8 – Erev Rosh Hashanah: 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 9 – 1st Day Rosh Hashanah: 9 a.m.
(*Tashlich* immediately after services)
- Friday, Sept. 10 – 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah: 9 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 17 – Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18 – Yom Kippur 9 a.m.
(Yizkor Memorial Services)
- Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Erev Sukkot 6 p.m.
(congregational pot luck in the *sukkah*)
- Thursday, Sept. 23 – 1st Day Sukkot: 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 24 – 2nd Day Sukkot: 10 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 30 – Shemini Atzeret 9:30 a.m.
(with Yizkor Service)
- Thursday, Sept. 30 – Erev Simchat Torah
(Parade) 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 1 – Simchat Torah 9 a.m.

REFLECTIONS ON FRIENDSHIP AND SELF-EVALUATION

One of my favorite passages in the rabbinic literature occurs in the first chapter of *Pirkei*



Avot. In this passage, Rabbi Joshua ben Perakhiah (his father's name literally means "God is a flower") enjoins us to find a teacher and to make a friend. In Hebrew, the words of the *Mishnah* are:

"*Aseh lekha rav u-kneh lekha khaver*" – which translate literally as "make" a teacher for yourself and "acquire" for yourself a friend.

Most of us are used to the concept of making a friend – but what about making a teacher? Perhaps the *Mishnah* is telling us that we have to be proactive in seeking out a teacher, and in cultivating the relationship with him or her. It takes work and commitment to build a lasting friendship; this is no less the case in a strong learning relationship. Perhaps the distinction between the language used for teacher and that used for friend has to do with the dynamics of these relationships. In a transaction, items are exchanged, and each party is enriched in one way or another. Perhaps Rabbi Joshua is noting that friendships are fundamentally reciprocal; student-teacher relationships could be, but they aren't necessarily so. In the asymmetrical student-teacher relationship, the teacher is the one empowered to give, to provide and to speak. But the teacher can only do these things if the student chooses to give him or her the power to do so. That being said, it's interesting that Joshua advises us to appoint our own teachers. He very well could have suggested that we merely accept as our teacher whoever the rabbis of the time consider to be appropriate.

Even more intriguing is the notion of "acquiring" a friend – as if a friend were some kind of property. Sometimes no English translation can capture the nuance of the Hebrew original, but it is worth remembering that this Hebrew verb translated here as "to acquire" often means "to buy," "to own" or to

"take possession." In short, it usually connotes a business transaction.

I thought of this *Mishnah* the other week when I read about RentAFriend – an online service modeled on similar, hugely successful web sites in Japan and elsewhere in Asia. Journalists are a suspicious lot so most of the press reports that I have read about this service sniggeringly assume that it is a cleverly disguised escort service or dating club. But according to its founder, Scott Rosenbaum, a New Jersey-based marketing professional, RentAFriend has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual solicitations. Rosenbaum explains that RentAFriend offers profiles of more than 200,000 people who are available for a range of platonic social services – workout buddy, museum visitor and wingman/wingwoman, to name a few. (A wingman, by the way, is someone who acts as a foil for a friend who is trying to meet a potential partner for a dating relationship.) In exchange, these "friends" receive a fee of \$10 to \$150 an hour, which must be paid, in advance and in cash.

My first thought on reading about RentAFriend was that Eleanor Rigby is alive, not well, and on line. ["Eleanor Rigby" by Lennon & McCartney: "All the lonely people, where do they all come from?"]

Compared to RentAFriend, even Facebook's definition of friends seems intimate. Not so long ago, friendship belonged to a dwindling list of desirable outcomes – including happiness, wisdom and good weather – that money couldn't buy. In a cold and indifferent world full of cold and indifferent strangers, a friend was something you had to make yourself. But no more: now you can purchase friendship at your convenience, by the hour. For a certain consideration, you can hire someone to go to a museum with you, or hang out at the gym, or keep you company while you shop. A stranger, you might say, is just a friend who hasn't invoiced you yet.

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RENTAFRIEND: NEEDED OR NOT? . . . RABBI'S COLUMN from page 2

But my second thought is that perhaps RentAFriend really isn't about the breakdown of human relationships in the digital age. The press reports indicate that there are only 2,000 people in the US registered as potential friend renters, which represents about 1% of the 200,000 people registered to be rented. Indeed, a reporter with the *Los Angeles Times* telephoned three random rent-a-friends and found that none had been contacted by any potential customers. As disheartening as it is that Rosenbaum thinks that there's a market for friends-for-hire, it's even more disheartening that so many people are so hard up for cash that they're peddling one of the few things in life that's supposed to be free. Surely this says more about what people will do for money in today's economic climate than it does about how lonely many people are in our dysfunctional society.

It's easy to be cynical about phenomena like RentAFriend. But turning away from cynicism

and trying to understand the motives of the people offering themselves as rent-a-friends leads me back to Rabbi Joshua ben Perakhiah's Mishnah: "... Make a teacher for yourself; acquire a friend for yourself; and judge everyone favorably." I think that this is especially important as we enter the time of self-reflection leading to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Unless we are flexible and lenient with other people, how can we expect anyone else to be lenient with us? If we are stern, rigid, and demanding, then God – however we understand God – will act in a similar way with us.

Moreover, as Rabbi Abraham Twerski explains, "If we fail to identify our own shortcomings, we are likely to see them in others and be critical of them. If we acquire a teacher and friend that can alert us to our own biases and allow us to be more impartial in our judgments, we are far less likely to be condemning of others."

PRESIDENT PREVIEWS APPEAL MESSAGE . . . from page 1

Besides the army of dedicated volunteers and the participation of congregants in Shabbat and other Holiday services, Mishkan Torah requires an annual income to pay our expenses.

Last year, our income was derived from membership dues, donations, High Holiday tickets, fund raising events, and Children's Education tuition and fees. While membership dues represented 60% of all income, the next largest and most important source was High Holiday Pledges, which contributed 14% of annual income. Last year, an increase in these pledges was successful in preventing a deficit.

What is special about the 74% of last year's income that was derived from dues and HH pledges is.....**timing**. By September, the Mishkan Torah bank account that is used to pay expenses is at its lowest, but many expenses do not take a holiday. The budget counts on a large monetary infusion in the Fall. Our dues and High Holiday Pledges are that source of financial fortitude because a large fraction of

them have been traditionally paid between August and December. Last year, our oil, electric, and water bill was \$17,000 and our insurance premium was \$7,600. We all know what direction these expenses will take next year based on our personal experience. Please keep this in mind when you receive your HH pledge card and please respond positively to my appeal.

Visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop for your New Year essentials

Tallitot

Apple & Honey Sets

Shofarot

Hostess Gifts

Call Alyce -301-441-1353

(after 10:30 a.m. please)

to set up an appointment.

BE PART OF OUR MISHKAN TORAH SISTERHOOD NEW YEAR'S CARD

It is that time of the summer when we are again accepting subscriptions for the 5771 New Year's greeting card. If you were inscribed last year, we hope you will continue this tradition. If you were not inscribed, we hope that you will add your name and those of your family members to our greeting card, which is sent to our whole Mishkan Torah family.

Your subscription conveying holiday wishes for the New Year will show your support for our synagogue. To continue your custom of including your name, fill out the form below, attach your check for \$15 (made payable to MISHKAN TORAH SISTERHOOD), and leave it in the Sisterhood box. **Since the High Holidays are early this year, we must have your form by August 18.**

Do not add this to your summer pile of "things to be done." Fill out the form, write your check and mail them today and have one less thing to remember to do. Thank you for your support!

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

DEADLINE August 18, 2010



HIGH HOLIDAY GREETING SUBSCRIPTION

2010 – 5771

Please include our names on the greeting card:

(Examples: Rebecca, Isaac, and Jacob Abramson)

Please make sure that the spelling and order of the names (immediate family only) is the way that you wish them to appear on the greeting card.

Please use a separate subscription form for married children.

SISTERHOOD SAYS

by Irene Spector

Can we top this? Thanks to Niki Kohn and Eva Garin, this past year was filled with so many wonderful activities that it may be difficult to top. There is no doubt, however, that it we will be doing everything we can to do so. Everyone is already hard at work, and ideas and plans are being formulated.

This Is Only the Beginning

Monday evening, September 27—Sisters in the *Sukkah* at Debbie Brenner's house, or should I say *Sukkah*. This is a favorite gathering and always very enjoyable and well attended.

Precise time for the dairy potluck dinner will reach you in plenty of time for you to get your information to Debbie as the meal is planned.

October—Paid-up membership luncheon. Exact time and place will be announced soon, so please send in your dues as well as your Holiday Card donation as quickly as possible so that plans can be finalized. (You can find the appropriate forms on pages 4 and 8 in this edition of the *Trumpet*.)

Plans Are Being Made

Many wonderful programs are already in the works and you will hear about them at the Paid-up membership luncheon.

Some activities continue from year to year and you may find yourself wanting Sisterhood services, so look at our Friendly Reminders box.

Friendly Reminders

Mitzvah Cards: Call Becky Hirsch (301 345-4029) for her always speedy, efficient service.

Catering: Call Alyce Strasser, our catering maven at 301 441-1353. She is always ready to help you plan your *simcha*.

Gift Shop: Call Alyce Strasser (after 10:30 a.m. please) to arrange an appointment for you to choose from a beautiful selection of jewelry, ceramics, glassware, and ritual objects for any special occasion - bridal shower, wedding, baby gift, B'nai Mitzvah, birthday, etc.

RHYME TIME

July has been for vacationing
But now it's time to unpack.
A brand new year is starting
And it will be good to be back.
Clear your calendar, pick up your pen,
Get ready to sign up for programs again.

ANNIE HABER SAYS, "THANKS!"

Muchisimas Gracias to our Mishkan Torah Family for all your get well cards, phone calls, and good wishes after I broke my foot at the donor brunch on the *Spirit of Baltimore*.

I am now in a boot instead of a cast and can start putting weight on the foot in a few weeks. I can't wait to be on my feet again! A special thanks to my Mahjong buddies for coming over for weekly mahjong games.

The games definitely helped my recovery and my mind while being homebound.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

Thanks to everyone that volunteered to serve as a High Holiday greeter in past years.

This function adds a personal touch to the services and is one of the many things that make the High Holidays at Mishkan Torah very special.

The need for volunteers is especially strong since seating will be open and tickets will be distributed at the door.

Please contact Hal Rappaport at <rapp@aol.com> to volunteer.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6	Erev Shabbat Family Services	7:30 p.m.
7	Shabbat Re'eh	9:30 a.m.
13	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
14	Shabbat Shoftim	9:30 a.m.
20	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
21	Shabbat Ki Tetze	9:30 a.m.
27	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
28	Shabbat Ki Tavo	9:30 a.m.

AUGUST YAHRZEITS

August 6

Sheftel Bukzin*
 Caroline Fischer
 Ben Krit
 Esther Davis
 Elizabeth Wallach*
 Hannah Rosenstock
 Ruby Rubenstein
 Hedi Axelrad*
 Herman Millison*
 Harry Klion*

Benjamin Epstein*

Aaron Salzberg

August 13

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

August 20

Ruth Gassner
 Albert Abraham
 Ellerin*
 Herman S.
 Tuckman*
 Elihu Boldt
 Rabbi Daniel
 Goldberger
 Helen W.
 Moldosky*
 Helen L. Chasanow*

Beatrice Skolnik*

Jacob Jack Morris*

Steven Lawrence

Goldberg*

Gert Peckerar*

Joseph Mund*

Louis Moser

August 27

Beatrice Leff
 Julius Stern
 Louis Rosen*
 Florence Druss*

SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

3	Erev Shabbat Family Services	7:30 p.m.
4	Shabbat Nitzavim/VaYeLech	9:30 a.m.
4	Selichot Services & Feature Film <i>Shanghai Ghetto</i>	10 p.m.
8	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	8 p.m.
9	First Day Rosh Hashanah Services followed by <i>Tashlich</i>	9 a.m.
10	Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services	9 a.m.
10	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
11	Shabbat Shuvah: Parshat Ha'Azinu	9:30 a.m.
17	Erev Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre	6:30 p.m.
18	Yom Kippur Services with Yizkor	9 a.m.
22	Erev Sukkot Potluck Dairy Supper in the Sukkah	6 p.m.
23	First Day of Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
24	Second Day of Sukkot	10 a.m.
24	Erev Shabbat Services	8 p.m.
25	Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
29	Hoshanah Rabbah	
30	Shemini Atzeret Services with Yizkor	9:30 a.m.
30	Erev Simchat Torah Services with Parade	7:30 p.m.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

Lucille Baker for Irving Baker
 The Brooks family for Martin Nyrop Hoffman & Kenneth E. Brooks
 Beulah Bukzin & Frances Lapidus for Elliott A. Bukzin
 Gladys Chasnoff for Benjamin Chasnoff
 Rhea & Len Cohen for Arthur Singer
 Lois Darr for Thomas Teates
 Alvin Golub for Lena Golub
 Eileen "Dee Dee" Jackman & sons for Jeanne Axelrod
 Ira Kalfus for Pearl Shaich
 Selma Klein for Elihu Klein
 Luis & Sheila Lemus for Louis Wilson
 Toba & David Lourie & family for Linda Fox
 Janet, Steve & Rachel Mirsky for Solomon Schoenberg
 Jerome Mortman for Marvin Lerner
 Susette, Raphael & Bill Panitz for Edward Mottzman
 Frank Pearlman for Jennie Migdal
 Shulem & Jerry Shmerl for Rina Shmerl
 Laurie Siegel for Lewis B. Siegel
 Mr. & Mrs. Lester Singer for Jeanne Axelrod
 Sid & Irene Spector for Pauline Spector & Jeanne Axelrod
 Dave & Linda Spevack for Hanna Shander & Max Spevack
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser for Jacob Epstein
 Irv Wartell for Ruth Wartell
 Helen T. Wilson for Louis Wilson

USCJ ANNOUNCES TWO EVENTS

The Southeast Seaboard District will hold its first Shabbaton from Thursday, October 14 to Sunday, October 17 in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme will be "Developing Synagogue Leadership. Information about registration will be available soon.

United Synagogue is also planning its fifth Mission to the Jewish Communities of Cuba from February 7 to February 14, 2011, and will include stops in Havana, Santa Clara, Trinidad, and Cienfuegos. For more information, go to

High Holiday President's Club

Jordan & Eva Choper

High Holiday Pledge

Arden Bronstein & Beverly Lowenstein
 Claire Rogal

Sustaining Fund

Lois Darr in honor of Niki Kohn's retirement
 Lois Darr in honor of Jordan & Eva Choper's 50th anniversary
 Janet Davis in honor of Lois Darr's great-grandchild
 Harriet & David Ginsburg in honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary; Harriet and Gloria Sizzling Birthday; Shalom to Eva & Jordan Choper, Susan Keller & Mark Shroder, Seymour Oresky, Hal Rappaport, Dan & Linda Strickman, & Mary Kaigler-Schaffer; Mazel Tov Nadine Wobus for her honor last March and her birthday; Harriet enjoyed volunteering with Fran Hakim on Pesach and Mazel Tov to Fran and Ray on their Grandson Noah; Happy Rosh Hashanah to All.

Friends of the Choir

Irv Wartell

TOILETRY SAMPLES HELP CAMP KIDS

by Robin Olson

Thanks for all personal hygiene samples donated this year. Please do not bring anymore in until the end of next year. We separated and boxed up the soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, and shower caps. Please make sure in the future that all samples are unopened, clean and usable.

The boxes are being donated to Camp Moss Hollow—The Washington Post send a kid to camp campaign. Several students from Greenbelt Elementary go there.

Thanks again for all of your efforts.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

We invite any woman who is not presently a Sisterhood member to join us this year and support the many programs and activities we do. Dues are only \$36 and include an invitation to our Paid-Up Membership Brunch in the fall. Of course, if you are already a member we sincerely hope you will continue your membership.

As always, one of our goals is to increase membership. Please help us do this!

We would like to have **all** of our Mishkan Torah women be members of our Sisterhood this year!!! It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women while we work together for our shul and have fun at the same time!

You should have received a statement in the mail. We hope you will fill it out and become one of our members this year. Or you can fill out this form and send it to shul with your payment of \$36.

Feel free to call the Sisterhood President, Debbie Brenner
(301-595-0658) with questions and/or ideas.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I am enclosing my payment of \$36 made payable to Mishkan Torah Sisterhood
to become a member.

SOCIAL ACTION BLOOD DRIVE CUT SHORT BY STORM

The August 25 Red Cross Blood drive was going about as well as Mishkan Torah blood drives usually go with more than 20 people showing up to donate blood. Unfortunately, with only two nurses there to draw blood and potential donors being told they would have to wait almost an hour, a number of candidates were unable to stay. Additionally, several would-be donors had to be disqualified for various medical reasons.

And, to top it off, a sudden, powerful thunderstorm struck with the ensuing power outage causing the program to end much earlier than planned. All in all, the Red Cross was able

to draw nine pints of usable blood. We hope to do better in our fall drive on a date yet to be determined.

Caregiver Panel Planned

At the Social Action meeting held that same morning, the committee selected as its next program a panel discussion focusing on caregiving. Anticipated speakers include a representative from Greenbelt Cares, a local attorney, and a caregiver support group leader. The committee is aiming for a date in October. More information, i.e., date and speakers' names, will be passed along as it becomes available.

WAYS & MEANS - ENTERING A NEW ERA

by Angie Carmel

The Ways & Means Committee is very excited about the coming year. All of our events will have the same theme: *L'Dor V'Dor*, from generation to generation. As we all know, we have many remarkably talented people, especially among our youth, and they will be included. As these events take shape, more details will be given over the next few months.

As of this year, the Ways & Means Committee will basically be a task-oriented and approval committee, with subcommittees established to work on specific events. We are looking for people who would like to help but can only commit themselves to one or two activities per year. Also, we would welcome any suggestions for an event, based on the above-mentioned theme.



Obviously, if you would like to be part of the main committee, you would be most welcome. If you are willing to help in any way, please complete the following and drop in the Ways & Means mail slot, or call or send me an e-mail (see the Membership List):

WAYS & MEANS INTEREST RESPONSE FORM

- Yes, I would like to help on one or two events.
- Yes, I have an idea for a fundraiser and would be willing to chair the subcommittee for that event.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Our next meeting will be held on August 15, 2010 at 10:00 am.
If you are interested in joining us, let me know or simply show up.

Diane Kritt Memorial Lecture

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! DO NOT MISS!!!



Featuring Rabbi Gail Glicksman, Ph.D.
Shabbat morning, October 2, 2010
Kiddush luncheon will follow her talk.
There will be no charge for this event!

Dr. Glicksman is Assistant Dean at Temple University's College of Health Professions and Social Work. A former Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) faculty member, she has taught such topics as the sociology of health and illness, bioethics, religion and medicine, and contemporary Jewish studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, and Gratz College; in continuing education seminars for physicians, law students and clergy; and as an invited speaker at medical and law schools.

Earning her Rabbinic ordination from RRC and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, she has authored or co-authored several articles or book chapters that have been published in the *Journal of Religion, Spirituality and Aging*, *The Handbook of Bioethics and Religion: Faith at the Frontiers*, and *Methods in Religion, Spirituality and Aging*.

This Gala Shabbat program will begin Friday night with a Potluck dinner before services to kick-off the weekend. Shabbat morning services will be abbreviated to allow time for Dr. Glicksman's landmark address. Her topic will be prayers for healing in Judaism with the specific title yet to be announced.

Please R.S.V.P. to DKlecture@aol.com

KARP FAMILY SCHOOL SET FOR BIG YEAR

by Bret Goldstein

We are looking forward to another fantastic year for the Karp Family Hebrew School. Teachers Julia Elmaleh-Sachs and Stephanie Bass are returning for their third years with us, and we are thrilled to welcome on board KFS alumna Rebecca Lemus, who will be teaching the Confirmation class and leading our teen Youth Group. Welcome back, ladies!

Hebrew School Families can look for the school mailing with a specific calendar, registration forms, and more details coming not too soon after this *Trumpet* issue. In the meantime, here are some important dates for the rest of the summer and early fall:

Wednesday, August 11: Labor Day Dance



Rehearsal, 7 p.m.: Last year, Mishkan Torah Youth was recognized with a "best novelty" trophy for our performance at the Greenbelt Labor Day

Parade. This year, once again under the expert direction of Marissa Lowery, we plan to do even better, and are looking for dancers across the generations to march and perform in this year's parade. So no matter what your age or level of expertise, come out and benefit from Marissa's excellent instruction to be a part of representing Mishkan Torah in this year's Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

Sunday, August 22: School Clean-Up &

Orientation, 12 noon: Bring a dairy/pareve dish to pass and reconnect with all of your favorite KFS friends as we get classrooms in shape and learn about the policies, procedures, and plans for 5771. We'll also have another chance to practice our dancing for Labor Day, so wear your comfortable shoes!

Monday, September 6th: Labor Day Parade,

9:30 a.m.: Come represent Mishkan Torah to

Greenbelt's larger community, dancing or just marching. After the parade, we'll head back to the synagogue for some well-deserved refreshment and help get things ready for the coming High Holidays.

Thursday, September 9: Rosh Hashanah Family

Service, 10 a.m.: As always, we'll start 5771 off right with our dynamic, interactive Family Service for Rosh Hashanah. This is great opportunity to introduce new families to Mishkan Torah and the wonderful youth community we have. So, if you know any kids who are looking for a fresh new start to a fresh new year, direct their attention to our website, www.mishkantorahsynagogue.org, where they can register for our Family High Holiday Services.

Saturday, September 11: First Day of Hebrew

School, 10 a.m.: As we mentioned above, Julia and Stephanie are back, Rebecca is ready to start and we can't wait to show everyone the learning we have in store for this year.

Yes, there is plenty more, from our **Yom Kippur Family Service on September 18** to our **Sukkot Potluck and Family Service on September 22.**

The year 5771 promises to be one of the best years yet for the Karp Family School.

LABOR DAY PARADE ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

by Dan Lowery

In support of this year's theme of bridging the generations, we're looking for eight adults and eight young people for the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. We hope to have three minutes to perform at the reviewing stand, and we would like to

feature one dance from the kids, one from the adults, and one together. Last year the kids received a trophy for their performance. Please contact Dan Lowery to participate. Our first meeting is Wednesday, August 11 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Mishkan Torah presents a

Young Professionals/KFS Reunion Shabbat

Friday, August 13

Join us from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. for Food & Drinks



Services, led by Bret Goldstein, will begin at 8 p.m.



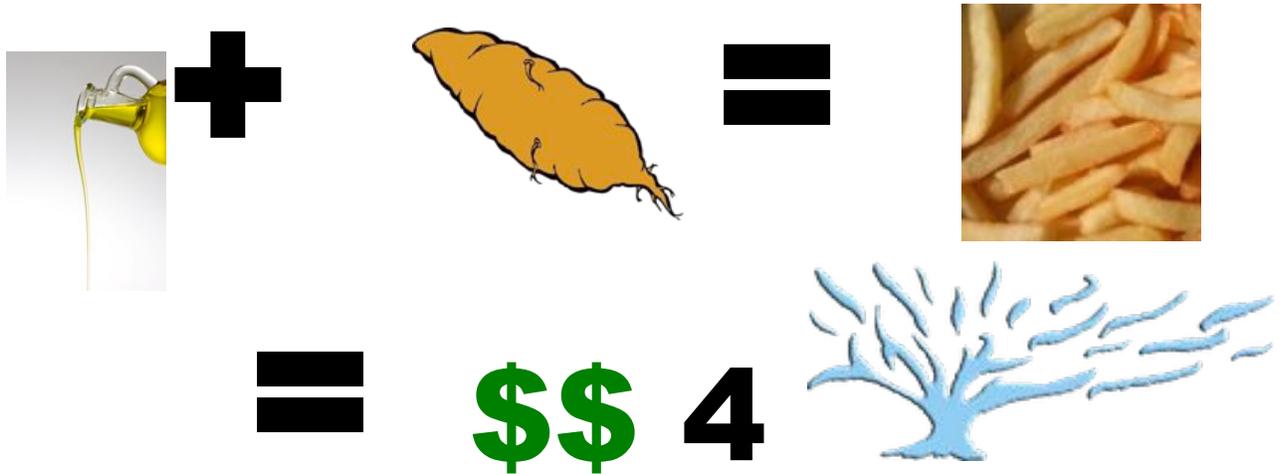
Come reminisce with old friends and enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat.

Friends and family are welcome

Questions?

E-mail Darelynn Fung at dbfung@gmail.com

Please pass this along to any former KFS students or young Jewish professionals/students you may know.



WHEN?

SEPTEMBER 2010

WHEN?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				BOOTH SET UP		8 p.m. TO MIDNIGHT
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 – 4 p.m. 4 – 8 p.m. 8 – Midnight	CLEANUP Shift I 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Shift II 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.					

MEN'S CLUB.....LABOR DAY WEEKEND

PLEASE SAY, "YES, I CAN!"

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE GETS NEW CHAIR, SETS SELICHOT PROGRAM

by Linda Spevack and Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

At the spring membership meeting, Phil Williams was elected chairman of the Religious Committee. Phil is a first-time board member and has courageously taken on this challenging and time-consuming position with alacrity and a bit of trepidation. As you know, the planning for the High Holidays literally begins right after *Shavuot*, and the committee cannot really take a deep breath and heave a sigh of relief until after *Sukkot*.

The High Holiday observance begins on Labor Day weekend with *Selichot*, which will be Saturday night September 4. The planned program begins at **10 p.m.** and includes a 95-minute

on what would become a miraculous and inspiring survival story.

In April 2000, filmmakers Dana Janklowicz-Mann and Amir Mann sneaked into China with

a digital camera to shoot at the site of the Jewish Ghetto in Shanghai, unchanged since WWII. They took with them two survivors of the Ghetto back to where they lived during the war under Japanese occupation.

film, light refreshments and a midnight Selichot service which will be led by Chazzan Phil Greenfield. The Torahs will have been dressed in the white covers in honor of the High Holiday season.

The film, *Shanghai Ghetto*, recounts the tale of German Jews who, in the late 1930's fled to the international city of Shanghai, the only place in the world that did not require them to have entrance visas.

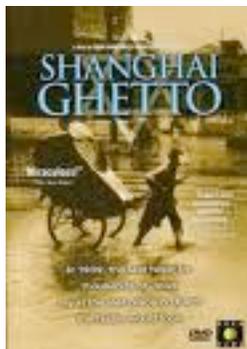
In the late 1930's German Jews were trying to escape Nazi persecution, but country after country closed its doors to them. Only Shanghai didn't turn them away. Fleeing for their lives, Jewish refugees journeyed to the exotic city, arriving penniless and unprepared for life in the Far East. They thought that soon they would find a way to go back to the world they had left. Little did they know that WWII would change their lives forever, and that they had embarked



They filmed never before seen areas of Shanghai for what would later become part of this documentary film. *Shanghai Ghetto* combines interviews with survivors and historians, still photos, stock footage, rare letters, and footage shot in modern Shanghai where most of the Jewish Ghetto remains as it was in the 1930's.

The viewer will experience the little known story of these courageous refugees, their relationships with the local Chinese and with Japanese occupiers, the attempts of the American Jewish Community to help them, and the cultural life they built, as well as the sorrow and tragedy of their relatives who never got out of Europe.

This promises to be a thought provoking experience as well as a chance to reconnect with our friends and congregants as the summer draws to a close. We hope to see you all there.



ROTEM CONVERSION BILL ON HOLD IN ISRAEL

from News Releases

According to Rabbi Steven Wernick of United Synagogue, the recent "Knesset session concluded without a reading of MK David Rotem's proposed conversion law." Thanks in large part to the efforts of a coalition of liberal Jewish groups throughout the world, the legislation known as the Rotem Bill has been set back, at least for now. This bill, if enacted would greatly restrict the conversion process and effectively put control of conversion into the hands of the ultra-Orthodox community in Israel.

Conservative, Reform, and other non-Orthodox leaders and individuals sent more than 60,000 e-mails [a tactic encouraged by Rabbi Cohen in recent weeks] and successfully lobbied in protest over the proposed law; however, the task is not done yet. The bill is scheduled to come up again in October; the need to keep the pressure on is great. For more details on how to help, e-mail palmer@uscj.org.

SAVE DATES FOR NATIONAL, LOCAL RECONSTRUCTIONIST EVENTS

from data provided by Jackie Land

Mark your calendars for **November 11-14, 2010**, and plan to attend the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Biennial convention in Newport Beach California. A website with all the convention

information has been launched. The website is being updated regularly and there is lots of new information about the convention. Visit the convention website at <http://jrf.org/convention> to find out all the wonderful things that are planned. The theme is *California Dreaming, Visioning our Jewish Future*, and registration will be available very soon!

Please also mark your local calendars for the Chesapeake JRF Annual Celebration. It is set for **Sunday, March 27, 2011**, from 4-7 p.m. This Annual Celebration will take place at Oseh Shalom in Laurel, Maryland. We will share more information about this great event as it becomes available.

We are in the process of planning a Reconstructionist Day of Education for Chesapeake JRF to be held in the late fall or early winter. It will be open to all members of our region and will have a lay and professional track. If you would like to help plan this event, please contact jland@jrf.org. We will send out the date later this summer.

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WHERE DO YOU STAND?

by Arnie Brodsky

Recently, your editor (that would be me[sic]) and a to-be-unnamed former congregation president [Linda Spevack ☺] had a brief, amiable e-mail debate about the color of the *Torah* mantles used during the *Simchat Torah* Greenbelt street parade. Based upon photos of the two most recent holiday marches, apparently we are both right! (I do have an older picture from the 1981 yearbook, but I am not including it because times, committees, and policies change, and that was sooo long ago. I won't even tell you the color of the mantle [white ☺]) Perhaps a discussion wouldn't be bad, would it? What is your viewpoint. Take a look at the pictures below without regard to the photographic quality and register your feelings with the Religious Committee, preferably before *Simchat Torah*!



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