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MISHKAN TORAH WINS HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

by Steven Mirsky, President

I am happy to announce that Mishkan Torah has won a Security Grant of \$61,600 designated for nonprofit organizations through the Department of Homeland Security for the express purpose of improving our safety and security systems!

The process for this grant began in June 2009, when our own Safety and Security Committee developed a Vulnerability Assessment of Mishkan Torah. The members of this Committee are Ron Brooks, Jordan Choper, Ed Hickey, Carl Hirsch, Dave Spevack, Lynn Title and myself. Altogether we have over 200 years of related experience. We analyzed our location, doorways, windows, exterior lighting, alarm systems, medical treatment equipment, emergency procedures, and possible threats. Based on this report, we applied for the grant when it became available in February 2010.

In July 2010 we were notified that 40 nonprofits in the National Capital area had applied, and that we were one of only 13 chosen! The next steps were to prepare the Environmental/Historical Preservation Act evaluation forms, which have now been approved by FEMA, followed by a Project Management Plan (PMP) submitted last month. The PMP described, in detail, each improvement, how much it would cost, how long it would take, and when we planned to complete it. The PMP required the Safety and Security Committee members, as well as Building Chairs Stephen Feinberg and Wendy Garson, to get cost and schedule estimates from local contractors. In addition, Treasurer Bill Schwartz handled requests for our tax information and proof of our nonprofit status.

As outlined in the PMP, we are planning on three phases for these improvements. Phase One will begin shortly and will include new windows in the sanctuary, offices and rest rooms as well as a new front door. The windows will be energy-efficient double-paned tempered glass and will resemble the current window configuration as much as possible. The new door will be much safer, stronger, and more energy efficient than we now have, but again will look as much like the current door as possible.

Phase Two, to be completed over the winter, will upgrade our alarm systems, improve our first aid equipment, provide first aid training, and install better outside lighting.

Phase Three, scheduled for next spring, will replace most of our remaining exterior doors, install fencing around our outside utility enclosure and make security improvements to our parking lot.

I wish to thank the members of the Safety and Building Committee, Ron, Jordan, Ed, Carl, Dave, Lynn, Stephen and Wendy, for all of their devotion, hard work, and valuable recommendations.

There may be some inconvenience to members while this construction is taking place, so please be patient and understanding. The end result will be worth it. Mishkan Torah will be safer and more secure for all of us!

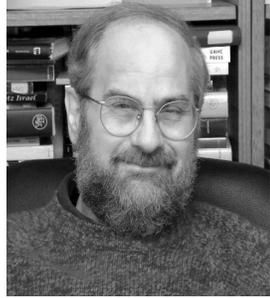
SAVE THE DATE
WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 11 A.M.

See page 14 for details.

RABBI'S COLUMN

Twice a week I start my day with a cup of coffee and Tom Friedman. In case, you didn't know, Friedman is a columnist with the *New York Times*. Born in the same middle-class Jewish suburb of Minneapolis that produced the film-making Coen brothers, Friedman fell in love with Israel after a visit there in December 1968, and he spent all three of his high school summers living on a kibbutz near Haifa. In 1975, he received a bachelor of arts in Mediterranean studies from Brandeis. He then earned a master's degree in Middle Eastern studies from Oxford University.

Mr. Friedman joined the *Times* in 1981 and was appointed chief of its Beirut bureau in 1982 – just as the Lebanese civil war was exploding. The massacre at the Palestinian refugee camps in Sabra and Shatila at a time when the Israeli army was besieging them was a big story, and Friedman's ability to speak Hebrew and Arabic gave him unusual access to sources on all sides of the story. Half a year later, he was listening to a BBC newscast when an explosion knocked the radio over. Seeing a cloud spiraling above the US Embassy, he ran the mile or so to the scene. A truck bomb driven by a suicide bomber had exploded at the embassy. Everyone was stunned. Friedman recalls, "That seemed like the absolutely most crazy thing I'd ever heard – he blew himself up? In a truck laden with explosives? It seemed unthinkable. How could you get someone to do that? Little did I know that was the beginning of a new form of terrorism that really is shaping of much of our world."



Friedman's experience in Beirut and his subsequent four years in Jerusalem as the *Times'* first Jewish correspondent in Israel landed him a pair of Pulitzer prizes for international reporting. His language skills have earned him an almost unparalleled access to newsmakers and policy shapers on all sides of the Israeli-Arab dispute. His objectivity and honesty are attested by the fact that partisans on the left accuse him of cheerleading American and Israeli actions, while right-wingers accuse him of slandering Israel.

I always find Friedman's columns worth reading, and every now and then he publishes

one which I would like to share with you. Such a column appeared earlier this week.

Friedman begins by observing that some of Israel's worst critics are fond of saying that Israel behaves like America's spoiled child. He rebuts that charge by pointing out that whatever one might think about Israel's obstinacy at times, it remains the only country in the United Nations that another U.N. member, Iran, has openly expressed the hope to wipe off the map. Moreover, Israel is the only country in the Middle East that has unilaterally withdrawn from territory it conquered in war – in Lebanon and Gaza – only to be thanked with unprovoked rocket attacks. Indeed, Friedman continues, if you want to talk about spoiled children, there is no group more spoiled by Iran and Syria than Hezbollah, the Lebanese Shiite militia. Hezbollah started a war against Israel in 2006 that brought death, injury, and destruction to thousands of Lebanese. And Hezbollah's punishment was to be rewarded with thousands more missiles and millions more dollars to do it again. These are stubborn facts.

And yet, Friedman concedes, there are times when Israel really does behave like a spoiled child. Friedman has little patience with the argument that President Obama is anti-Israel. Friedman argues that the president has made it one of his top priorities to build a global coalition to stop Iran from making a nuclear weapon.

In pursuit of that goal, Friedman continues, Obama has taken the very logical view that if he could advance the peace process in the Middle East it would give him much greater leverage to get the Europeans and U.N. behind tougher sanctions on Iran. Obama believes what a majority of Israelis believe – that Israel can't

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remain a Jewish democracy in the long run if it continues to control 2.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank.

On top of it all, Friedman points out, while pressing Israel to stop expanding settlements for as little as 60 days, Obama has ordered his vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to lead a U.S. team to work with Israel's military on an unprecedented package of security assistance to enable Israel to maintain its "qualitative edge" over its neighbors. In Friedman's view, these are hardly the actions of someone who hates Israel.

Not a Hostile Act

Given what Obama has done, and is trying to do, Friedman thinks that it is hardly an act of hostility for him to ask Israel to continue its now-expired 10-month partial moratorium on settlement-building in the West Bank in order to take away any excuse from the Palestinians to avoid peace talks. Yet, Israel's prime minister Netanyahu, has been either resisting this request or demanding a payoff from the U.S. for a brief continuation of the freeze. Friedman thinks that Prime Minister Netanyahu is wrong on two counts.

Israel Security Not Compromised

First, Friedman argues, when America asks Israel to do something that in no way compromises Israel's vital security but would actually enhance it, there is only one right answer: "Yes." It is a measure of how spoiled Israel has become that after billions and billions of dollars in U.S. aid and 300,000 settlers already ensconced in the West Bank, Israel feels no compunction about spurning an American request for a longer settlement freeze – the only purpose of which is to help the United States help Israel reach a secure peace with the Palestinians. Friedman writes that a more appropriate Israeli response would be for Netanyahu to tell President Obama, "You know, Mr. President, we're dubious that a continued settlement freeze will have an impact. But you think it will, so, let's test it. This one's for you."

Of course, Friedman concedes, Netanyahu argues that the far right-wingers in his cabinet would walk out if he were to accede to Obama's request. Bibi knows that he can't make peace with some of the lunatics in his cabinet, and he has told the U.S. that he only wants to blow up his cabinet once – for a deal. But we will never get to that stage, Friedman counters, if Netanyahu doesn't blow it up now and construct a centrist coalition that can negotiate a deal in the first place.

Secondly, Friedman admits that we have no idea whether the Palestinian Authority president, Mahmoud Abbas, has the will and the guts to make peace with Israel. In fact, when you go back and look at what Ehud Olmert, Netanyahu's predecessor, offered Abbas – a real two-state compromise, including a deal on Jerusalem – and you think that Abbas spurned that offer, and when you think that Netanyahu has already given Abbas a 10-month settlement freeze and that Abbas entered serious talks only in the ninth month, then you have to wonder how committed he really is.

But the fact remains, Friedman points out, that the team of Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad have built a government that is the best the Palestinians have ever had. And, more importantly, they have built a security apparatus that the Israeli military respects and considers to be a real partner in the quest for security. Given this, Israel has an overwhelming interest to really test whether this Palestinian leadership is ready for a fair and mutually secure two-state solution.

That test, Friedman concludes, is something the U.S. should not have to beg or bribe Israel to generate. This moment is not about Obama. He's doing his job. It is about whether the Israeli and Palestinian leaders are up to theirs. Abbas is weak and acts weaker. Netanyahu is strong and acts weak. It is time for both to step it up. And it is time for all the outsiders who spoil them to find another hobby.

SISTERHOOD SAYS

by Irene Spector

After a delicious lunch at Sir Walter Raleigh restaurant on October 3 we tightened (or loosened!) our belts, posed for pictures (see below), and got a look at the planned 2010-2011 programs and here they are thanks to program chairs Eva Garin and Niki Kohn:

Sunday, November 7: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **RUMMAGE**

SALE at Mishkan Torah: Call Barbara Shansby (301 622-4653) to assist in this major undertaking.

Monday, November 8: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

RUMMAGE SALE concludes.

Saturday, December 4: 6 p.m. **HANUKKAH PARTY**

with the Karp Family School: Call Diane Rubinstein for information 301 552-0436

Sunday, December 12: 12 noon. **LUNCH AND MUNCH.** Join our cooking class. call Niki or Eva for details.

Sunday, January 9: Time to be announced.

TOUR OF THE MARYLAND WOMEN'S HERITAGE CENTER in Baltimore with our own Linda Shevitz, Director - call Niki for information.

Sunday, February 27: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **BOOK**

DISCUSSION led by our own librarian Barbara Shansby. The book will be *This Is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper - call Barbara for more information.

Sunday, March 27: 12 noon – 2 p.m. **EXERCISE & "ENERGY WORK" CLASS** - call Eva for details.

Saturday, April 2: 6 p.m. **HAVDALLAH DINNER.**

Please call Niki or Eva to learn how you can participate.

Saturday, April 30: After Shabbat. **SETTING UP FOR JEWELRY SALE.** Call Eva Choper (301474-3766) for details.

Sunday, May 1: SEVENTH ANNUAL VINTAGE

JEWELRY SALE. Just in time for Mother's Day.

Call Eva Choper for more information.

Thursday, May 26: ICE CREAM SOCIAL, ELECTIONS

AND TZDEKAH ACTIVITY: Linus Blankets Call

Niki or Eva

Sunday, June 5 or June 12: DONOR EVENT to be

determined. Call Phyllis Oresky (301 622-2928) for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Send Alyce Strasser the names and addresses of college students by November 15 so that she can send Hanukkah goodies. No charge for Sisterhood members: a nominal fee for non-members.





RUMMAGE SALE

Sunday, November 7 & Monday, November 8
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Please contribute **ONLY QUALITY** items
nothing dirty - nothing torn - nothing 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 house wares & 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

RHYME TIME

Because my helpful computer is down.

There's so much Sisterhood information to share

So I sit here and think, "Please, dear Windows, I know that you care"

YESSSSS!!! I hear you now and my thoughts are a-whirl!!

Thank you, dear Windows, it's good to be back in Computer World!!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

MITZVAH CARDS: Call Becky Hirsch at 301 345-1029 for her always efficient service. Cards are now available in packages of 3 for only \$10. Remember that you get donor credit for all cards bought or sent.

CATERING: Call Alyce Strasser our catering maven at 301 441-1353 (after 10:30 a.m. please) 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 shop for jewelry, ceramics, glassware and ritual objects for any special occasion. Get a head start on Hanukkah shopping as you see all of the wonderful items available for the holiday.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	Election Day	
5	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Family Services	7:30 p.m.
6	<i>Shabbat Toldot</i>	9:30 a.m.
7	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Move clocks back one hour.)	2 a.m.
7	Sisterhood Rummage Sale Begins	9 a.m.–3 p.m.
8	Sisterhood Rummage Sale	9 a.m.–3 p.m.
11	U.S. Veterans' Day – Canadian Remembrance Day	
12	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
13	<i>Shabbat VaYeitzei</i>	9:30 a.m.
19	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
20	<i>Shabbat VaYishlach</i>	9:30 a.m.
24	Interfaith Thanksgiving at Berwyn Presbyterian Church	7:30 p.m.
25	Thanksgiving	
26	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
27	<i>Shabbat VaYeshev</i>	9:30 a.m.

OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

November 5

Charles Friedman*
 Samuel Richman*
 Edythe H. Berman*
 Jacob Levine*
 Anne Winter
 Rose Gershfield*
 Cornelia Ungar
 Dora Friedman*
 Charlotte Broughton*
 William B. Karp*
 Anna Ellerin*

November 12

Bessie Pomerantz*
 M. Solomon Kalkstein
 Caecilie Traub*
 Bessie Pomerantz*
 Miriam Braverman*
 Eric Leven
 Irving Peckerar*
 Marc J. Spevack*
 Elka Bialostocka de
 Singer*
 Sarah Rosenthal*
 Jennie Pearlman

Max Phillips*
 Goldie Ellerin*
 Arthur Butler
November 19
 Rudy Rubin
 Dorothy Berkowitz
 Rose Haber*
 Max Fuchs
 Martin Miller
 David Skolnik*
November 26
 Richard Feinberg
 Eva Goldberg*

Jean Morris
 Rhoda Schlesinger
 Magdolna Fishkind
 Helen Brenner*
 Eugene Dondes*
 Saul Miller
 Warran Feingold
 Norma Hofberg
 Ethel Rosenzweig*
 Anna L. Crupain*
 Gilbert Gassner
 Ross Korz

DECEMBER PREVIEW

1	<i>Erev Hanukkah</i> (First <i>Hanukkah</i> Light)	
3	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Family Services (Third <i>Hanukkah</i> Light)	7:30 p.m.
4	<i>Shabbat Miketz</i>	9:30 a.m.
4	<i>Hanukkah</i> Party	6 p.m.
10	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
11	Shabbat VaYigash	9:30 a.m.
17	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
18	<i>Shabbat VaYechi</i>	9:30 a.m.
24	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services	8 p.m.
25	<i>Shabbat Shemot</i>	9:30 a.m.
31	<i>Erev Shabbat</i> Services [New Year's Eve]	

MISHKAN TORAH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

Jan Bloom & David LeVine for Paul Levine
 Yvette Boldt for Joel Boldt, David Benharroch,
 Solica Benharroch & Sagui Greenbaum
 Judy Briskman for Paul Levine
 Alan & Cheryl Gerring for Ethel Gerring
 David & Joan Goldenberg for William
 Goldenberg
 Glenda Goodman for Raymond R. Haber
 Arlene Gottlieb & Chaz Miller for Rita Gottlieb
 David S. Granite for Herman Granite
 Ethel Harris & Joel Cohen for Martin P. Harris
 Max & Ruth Horlick for Florence Eisenberg &
 Leo D. Rosenstock
 Ruth & Philip Jason for Molly Epstein
 Mona & Ken Levine for Butch Sanders
 Elaine Mersack for Sarah Goldstein
 Alan Orenstein for Barbara Baren Beck
 Frank Pearlman for Alice Pearlman & Bernie
 Pearlman
 Hal Rappaport for Leonard Rappaport
 Brenda Rosen for Malcolm Neil Liebroder
 Fran Sanders for Bessie Gold
 Fran Sanders & family for Jack Sanders
 Pearl & Warren Siegel for Bessie Gold
 Stephen Solomon for Ethel Solomon
 Irene & Sid Spector for Jack Ratzkin
 Alyce & Arnold Strasser for Moe Epstein &
 Esther Cohen
 Laura Lee Strasser for Esther Cohen
 Martha Tomecek for James Tomecek

High Holiday President's Club

Jackie & Arnold Kling
 Irv & Marsha Salzberg
 Robert Silverman

High Holiday Pledge

Rae & Ron Brooks
 Steve Caswell
 Alan & Marsha Goldfine
 John Green & Andrea Weiss
 Robin Olson
 Fran Sanders
 Alan Schultz
 Laurie Siegel
 Mark & Becky Silverstein
 Stephen Solomon & Phyllis Barson
 Sid & Irene Spector
 Jackie Sumner

Sustaining Fund

Janet Davis in honor of Steve Mirsky and anyone
 else who assisted in resolving the problem with
 the fans and overhead lights in the sanctuary
 Fran & Ray Hakim
 Ira Kalfus
 Mark & Becky Silverstein in honor of Jeff & Sara
 Rosen for their generous hospitality over Rosh
 Hashana

Marc Spevack Fund

Mark & Becky Silverstein in honor of Linda
 Spevack for her excellent help with the
 settlement of their house

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank everyone from my
 extended Mishkan Torah family for all of the
 wonderful cards, phone calls, emails, well-
 wishes, and prayers that I have received
 during this difficult time for me and Mark.

Each time I receive a card or email or
 comment on my blog, I feel my spirits
 uplifted. This is not how Mark and I thought
 our move to Florida would go, but having all
 of our friends rally around us with love and
 support is making it bearable.

Thanks to everyone!

Love, Becky and Mark Silverstein

LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW!
 WE ARE ON THE WEB!



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Mishkan Torah Synagogue
 Greenbelt, MD

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES PROVE TO BE FUN, EDUCATIONAL

By Darelynn Fung & Martha Tomecek

The Youth Group has been busy with a variety of activities. On September 26 we joined with the Greenbelt Community Church for a trip to the Maryland Renaissance Festival. The kids and parents enjoyed bringing Christians and Jews together in a friendlier version of the Renaissance complete with fun, entertainment, and good food.



The October teen hangout that followed family services on October 1 was hosted by the Tomecek-Cavigelli's. Rebecca Lemus led the group in song using voices and instruments to create a peaceful Shabbat atmosphere.

The MT Youth Group explored the relationship between Judaism and environmentalism on a 5-mile canoe trip on the Anacostia River on October 9. It was a beautiful day with warm temperatures, bright sky, and little wind.



Prior to departing on the trip, youth group leader Rebecca Lemus led us in a traveler's prayer and dancing, with the intention of gaining awareness of our environment and water. We also recited a prayer for water.

During the trip we learned about the history of the river from when the Native Americans



resided here till the present. The Anacostia River has endured a lot of pressure from urban development and has suffered as a result.

There are many people and organizations working to correct problems from the past and to provide a better environment for all inhabitants. We saw an eagle, egrets, blue herons, turtles and people fishing along the river—a partial testimony to the many efforts to revive the ailing Anacostia.

YOUTH GROUP TO PERFORM AT LATKE PARTY

by Rebecca Lemus

Come see and hear the talented Mishkan Torah youth group present select Jewish songs and dances in a pre-latke Jewish music history play! Selections will include but are not limited...music for acapella voice, clarinet, violin, piano, and even some Israeli rock.

BEN GREENFIELD PROGRAM SET; TICKET ORDERS BEING TAKEN

by Jeff Rosen

The Ways and Means Committee is proud to announce that Benjamin Greenfield will present



a major concert at the synagogue on Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 in the evening. Ben has chosen a challenging and ambitious program consisting of Jewish music, Jewish-themed music, and music with a Jewish connection. Ben will announce and comment on the various selections,

emphasizing the Jewish connections of the pieces.

Light refreshments and a social hour will follow the performance.

Ben's concert promises to be one of the major cultural highlights in the entire history of Mishkan Torah. It is the opening event in the Ways & Means Committee's Young Performers Series, which expect to include at least three formal concerts for the upcoming year. The Young Performers Series is the capstone of the theme "From Generation to Generation" which the Committee has adopted to guide its programs and activities this year.

Ben, who is Mishkan Torah's answer to the Three Tenors, is the perfect artist to inaugurate the Young Performers Series. Ben literally grew up at Mishkan Torah as the son of our long-time beloved Cantor Phil Greenfield and his mother, music therapist, singer, and concert flutist Carolyn Sonnen. He attended the confirmation and post-confirmation programs at Mishkan Torah. Ben has frequently led parts of services here at Mishkan Torah over the years.

Ben was graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, with a degree in musical performance where he took part in operatic productions and gave solo recitals. Afterwards, he has taken graduate studies in voice at the prestigious Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He has performed many times at Mishkan Torah to

thunderous acclaim, most recently in his sensitive and thrilling rendition of Tamino's opening aria from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at the "Hail to the Chiefs" dinner. He followed his triumphant presentation of the aria by performing the entire demanding role of Tamino in a fully-staged production of "The Magic Flute" by the Opera Company of Southern Maryland before sold-out audiences. Recently, Ben followed in his father's honored footsteps by being the cantor at High Holy Day services at the temple in Ohio where Ben has been a part-time cantor for the last half-dozen years.

You will certainly not want to miss an event of this magnitude. The Ways & Means Committee is excited and thrilled that Ben has chosen to return to his Mishkan Torah roots by presenting such a major concert here. The tickets are priced at fifteen dollars, and you may mail your order in directly to the synagogue. In the unlikely event that any tickets remain to be sold the night of the concert, admission at the door will be eighteen dollars. Get your reservations in now, and do not miss this evening of top-notch musical entertainment!

WAYS & MEANS

by Angie Carmel

HANUKKAH PARTY: Phil Williams will be making delicious homemade latkes once again and is looking for assistant chefs on December 4. If you can help at all, please let me know. For



details about this annual, fun-filled party, please note the ad on page 14. We are asking everyone to make

reservations by December 1 so that we can prepare enough food. Payment, however, should be made at the door.

COFFEE KLATCH: Coffee Klatch will be held on November 7, the day of the Rummage Sale.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be held on November 14 at 10 a.m. If you are interested in joining us, please call me, or just show up.

MISHKAN TORAH
Proudly presents the **FIRST** of Our L'Dor V'Dor
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**YOUNG PERFORMERS
CONCERT SERIES**

STARRING
BEN GREENFIELD
Singing a delightful variety of Jewish music

December 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
at Mishkan Torah in Greenbelt

\$15 RSVP Admission / \$18 at the door

Be a supporter of our Young Performers Concert Series.
We have different levels to choose from.

All donations will be listed in the Program Book if received by December 5.

- CONTRIBUTOR/\$18 BENEFACTOR/\$36 PATRON/\$54 IMPRESARIO/\$72+

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

by Andrea Weiss

Last month the Social Action Committee and the Adult Education Committees co-sponsored the educational program, **Caring for the Caregiver**. Our three speakers, Julia Frank of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program; Stephen Elville, an elder law attorney in Columbia; and Sister Kathy Weber, Coordinator of the Holy Cross Hospital Caregiver Resource Center provided a great deal of useful information about local assistance for caregivers and their loved ones, legal issues that arise, and the necessity for caregivers to care for themselves. We are very grateful to them for having donated their time to us. Those who missed the program but would like their contact information can contact Andrea.

This month we will be beginning our annual clothing drive to benefit the students at Springhill Lake Elementary School. We will be

collecting new and slightly used winter coats, scarves, gloves, and hats for the children. There will be a box in the coatroom for donations. Please make sure that all donated items are clean and in good condition. Thrift stores are often good places to find coats, as are the discount stores.

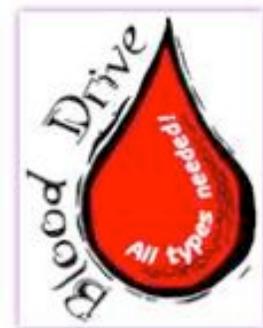
On Sunday, November 14 Social Action is also cosponsoring a film with Adult Education and the Sisterhood: *Refusing to be Enemies, the Zeitouna Story*. Showtime is 3 p.m. Social Action will be holding its next committee meeting before the film at 1:30.

Please put Sunday, December 5 on your calendars. We will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive from noon until 4 p.m.. You can reserve a time by contacting Andrea Weiss or by contacting the Red Cross directly at <my-redcross.org>.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

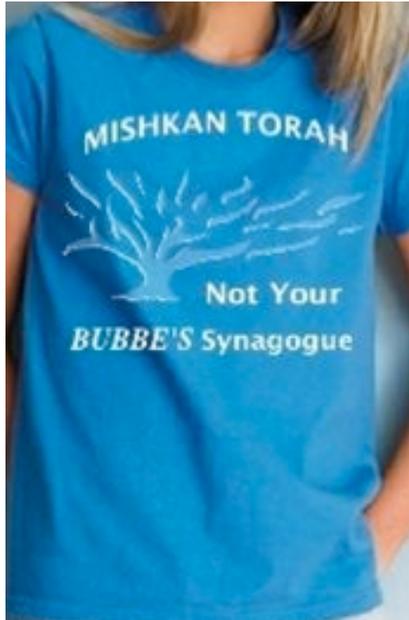
To schedule an appointment, call 1-800 Givelife,
 or Andrea (See Directory). Or simply walk in.



Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

ADULT ED TAKING T-SHIRT ORDERS, CO-SPONSORING TOLERANCE FILM

by Ronnie Scotkin

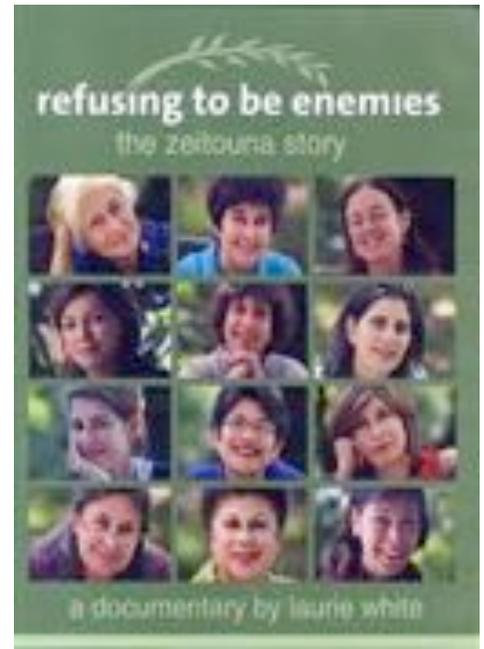


The Adult Education Committee announces that this will be your last chance to order the Mishkan Torah, slightly irreverent, t-shirts. Adult sizes small to 1X are \$15, 2X is 17.50; children's sizes are \$12.50. Orders must be in by November 10 in order to be in time for Hanukkah. E-mail or call Ronnie Scotkin with your order or send your order to Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The documentary, **Refusing to Be Enemies, the Zeitouna Story**, will be shown at 3 p.m. at the synagogue. The documentary "is about six Arab and six Jewish women living in southeast Michigan who struggle to overcome their prejudices, fears, and anger through dialogue . . .

[and] profiles the unique sisterhood of these twelve women who find that their diverse backgrounds have more in common than they originally thought." A discussion will follow.

This program is sponsored by Adult Education, the Social Action Committee, and the Sisterhood.



HANUKKAH CARE PACKAGES

If you have a child who will be away at school during Hanukkah (which begins sundown, Wednesday, December 1) e-mail his/her name and mailing address to me and our traditional Hanukkah Care Package will be sent in time for the holiday. My e-mail address is astrassera@yahoo.com, or drop me a note at my home address, 106 Julian Court, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Care Packages will be sent to those whose address is received by me not later than 3 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2010..

Hanukkah Care Packages will be sent to children of Sisterhood members without charge unless they will be overseas.

Packages to children of non-Sisterhood members will be sent at a cost of \$15 each. All packages must be prepaid by check mailed to me at my home address shown above.

Visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop

for all your Hanukkah needs:

Dreidels

Hanukkiot

Hostess Gifts

Call Alyce: 301-441-1353

(after 10:30 a.m. please)

to set up an appointment.



MISHKAN TORAH TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

by Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

When Greenbelt opened in 1937 it attracted much attention from the American press, in part because of its unusual religious life. The town's residents had been selected through a quota system that was intended to give variety to the new community; one of the quotas ensured religious diversity. In the first years, there were no houses of worship in Greenbelt. Rather, the first Greenbelters all worshipped in the school building, which also served as a community center. Before long, the town's Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and Mormons were cooperating on interfaith projects.

This interfaith tradition has continued. Every year, Greenbelters hold an interfaith Thanksgiving service. Jews, Christians, Muslims and Bahais join together to express thanks for the bounty of the harvest and for living in a community where such interfaith cooperation is possible. I find it to be one of the spiritual highlights of the year.

This year's service will be held on Wednesday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, just west of Kenilworth Avenue. I'd love to see you there.

Jewish Folk Arts Festival

FESTIVAL WEEK

Sunday, November 14

Parent/children art workshops

- *Wire Kippa making
- *Making fused glass tile
- *Felt Butterfly Making
- *Miniature clay fruit & veggie basket making
- *Yemenite Embroidery
- ***Israeli Dancing** for young adults (18-35 yrs)

Monday, November 15

- ***Israeli dancing** for all ages.
- ***Introduction to Machine Embroidery**

Tuesday, November 16

- ***Yemenite embroidery**

Wednesday, November 17

- ***Music at Capitol Cheesecake**
- ***Making fused glass tile**

Saturday, November 20

- ***JFAF Concert**

Sunday, November 21

Festival Finale at the JCC of Greater Washington

Visit the festival web site

www.jewishfolkartsfestival.com for times, locations, presenters, costs, and program changes.

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