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# Mishkan Torah Trumpet

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## MISHKAN TORAH AT THE GREENBELT LABOR DAY FESTIVAL: IT TOOK A VILLAGE!

by Steven Mirsky

Dear friends,

Mishkan Torah finished another successful participation in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival both in the French Fry Booth and in the parade!

A "village" of 36 dedicated volunteers cleaned and tested the equipment, picked up supplies, set up the booth, staffed the six shifts making and selling French fries and beverages, and cleaned up. In spite of some inclement weather Sunday evening and Monday afternoon, the booth met our goals for fund raising. The Men's Club will be able to meet its donation commitment to the budget. Everyone worked with enthusiasm and dedication, sometimes in spite of uncomfortable conditions. All our patrons were delighted with the 'signature' Mishkan Torah sweet potato and white potato French fries.

I would like to express special praise for Stephen Feinberg, Wendy Garson, Jeff Brown, Robert Silverman, Dick Rosenzweig, and Janet Mirsky for their efforts "above and beyond." Stephen and Wendy were everywhere – cleaning and repairing equipment, assisting in obtaining supplies, setting up, working two shifts, and cleaning up. Jeff Brown designed, built, and donated a custom wood platform for mounting the potato cutters that won the praise of every shift. No more sliding or loose cutters, a mechanical advantage in using them, and a design that allows for catch trays directly below each cutter.

Robert Silverman generously arranged for all potatoes we needed to be provided free of



The renovated Men's Club French fries booth proved a big success.  
Picture by Steven Mirsky

charge and they were very high quality tubers. Dick Rosenzweig remains the stalwart cornerstone of the French fry booth, obtaining supplies, setting up, and providing invaluable wisdom. Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife. Janet spent two days helping in the booth, setting up, designing and ordering our new sign, and organizing.

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### **Sukkot Schedule**

Erev: Friday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.  
1st Day: Saturday, October 3, 9:30 a.m.  
2nd Day: Sunday, October 4, 10 a.m.

### **Shemini Atzeret (with Yizkor)**

Saturday, October 10, 9:30 am

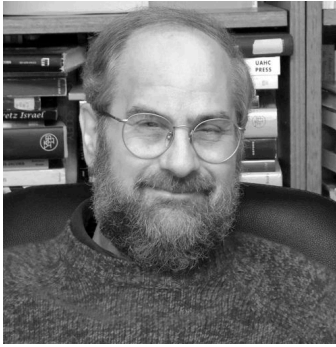
### **Simchat Torah**

Erev (parade): Saturday, October 10,  
7:30 p.m.

Day: Sunday, October 11, 9 a.m.

## PRISON B'NOT MITZVAH DRAWS RABBI'S ATTENTION

by Rabbi Jonathan Cohen



A surprising thing happened September 5 inside the California Institute for Women, a sprawling women's prison located in Corona, about 50 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Two women celebrated a joint bat

mitzvah. Never before had a bat mitzvah taken place in a U.S. prison, the officiating rabbi said. The bat mitzvah women, "Carol" and "Pamela," preferred their real names not be used so that when they're paroled in a few months they can more easily have a fresh start.

The service took place in the prison chapel, which the Jewish community shares with many others, and was led by Rabbi Moshe Halfon, who has served as Jewish chaplain at the facility for the last three years. Halfon is a Reconstructionist rabbi and holds a master's degree in educational psychology and organizational process from Temple University in Philadelphia. At any given time, he counsels about 50 Jewish women. Half keep kosher, one-third grew up in Jewish homes, one-third identify as Jewish and a third hopes to convert one day, he said.

Both Carol and Pamela approached the rabbi a year ago about studying together for their bat mitzvahs. "It wasn't my choice, it was their request," Halfon said. "I had a high standard, and these two were willing to rise to that standard." Both women undertook intense and dedicated study in preparation for their b'not mitzvah day. Each studied Hebrew on her own time and wrote a *devar Torah*, during hours not filled with work, classes, 12-step programs and other prison-mandated activities.

Carol, 29, and Pamela, 25, are incarcerated for a variety of offenses, including drug-related charges. Carol, who is Jewish, was raised by her Orthodox grandparents – her parents also used drugs. Carol's professional and family life were

torn apart as a result of her own substance abuse and other dysfunctional behavior, and she no longer is in contact with her family. Carol is scheduled for parole in December and hopes to return to a professional life and to one day be reunited with her children, who currently are in foster care.

Pamela, who is from the Bay Area, has been incarcerated since December 2007. Her mother is Jewish, but Pamela didn't grow up with a religious background, but by chance was assigned to work in the prison's kosher kitchen, where she became interested in the community. While incarcerated she has earned an associate degree, and she plans to go to college when she is paroled in January. Her family is currently caring for her 5-year-old son.

About 30 volunteers from the outside community joined about 70 inmates at the bat mitzvah ceremony which was held in the prison's interfaith chapel, which is shared by Jews, Protestants, Catholics and Native Americans, among others. The chapel is about the size of a large portable classroom trailer. The carpet is fraying and the walls plain save for a few pieces of religious (including some Jewish) artwork. Not all of the inmates in attendance were Jewish. One woman, who is not Jewish but a regular at services, holds an advanced degree in economics from Stanford and is incarcerated for a white-collar crime. She said she sought out the community after observing that the women who attended services were "leaving with light in their hearts."

The congregation watched as Carol and Pamela led prayers and chanted from the Torah. Carol and Pamela also led the congregation in traditional synagogue melodies as well as several Debbie Friedman songs. Carol and another inmate also performed an a cappella version of Christina Aguilera's "You Are Beautiful." The women took Hebrew names – Pamela chose Zohara Binah and Carol chose Chava Shira.

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**PRISON B'NOT MITZVAH . . . from page 2**

During the service, Carol and Pamela each delivered a *devar Torah* about *Parashat Nitzavim*, chosen for its themes of redemption and freedom of choice. Even though it wasn't the week's portion, the women chose to study *Nitzavim* because of their connection to the text and the particular constraints relating to the timing of the service. (*Nitzavim*, if you recall, contains some of the most powerful words in the Torah – words that are especially relevant during the time surrounding the High Holy Days: "Today, I call heaven and earth to witness against you: I am offering you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live.")

In her *devar Torah*, Carol spoke about the mistakes she made in her life and the escape drugs once offered her. Now, she said, she turns to God to help her overcome hurdles in her path. "This decision to learn from my setbacks has helped me to prepare for my future in recovery and to be of service to others," she said. "I have been set on a new course in life.

This community and my love for the Torah have brought me to this delightful place, and for this I am so grateful." In her speech, Pamela said she would leave prison "with a new soul," and she called the Jewish community "a lifeline of hope and light in an abyss of futility and despair."

Institutional regulations prevented Pamela's parents from attending, but they sent an inspirational message that was read aloud by the inmate congregants. Pamela's father wrote of his love for her, saying, "I love you yesterday, today and tomorrow." Her mother sent a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

All in attendance celebrated with cookies and challah after the bat mitzvah. At 4 p.m., three hours after the bat mitzvah began, a horn sounded – a sudden and stark reminder that some in attendance were convicted felons and others would leave to resume their lives outside. Zohara Binah, Chava Shira and the other inmates returned to their evening institutional regimen.

**Have you marked your calendar  
for the super special gala "Cabaret" in January?**

**If not, do it NOW!**

If you miss it, you'll regret it.

**Great food, sensational entertainment, & all your  
synagogue friends will be there.**

Reserve this date:

**SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30, 2010.**

Watch for more details in the November *Trumpet*.

## SISTERHOOD SAYS

by Irene Spector

On Sunday, September 13, our paid-up membership brunch at Jackie's in Silver Spring was a great treat. An earlier than usual Rhyme Time tells more about this special event.

What a great beginning - 5770 this Fall.  
 Our paid-up lunch at Jackie's was fun for one and all.  
 We had a good turnout, and we all want to say,  
 "Thanks" to Barbara, Judy, Robin and others who helped pave the way.  
 To the younger ladies – our sisterhood-in-training, many kudos are due.  
 So to all who made the lunch so successful – OUR "THANK YOU" TO YOU!

by Irene Spector

Tuesday, October 6, 6 p.m. (rain date 10/8) -  
**"Sisters in the Sukkah"** at the home of Debbie Brenner. You will not want to miss this Dairy Pot Luck evening which is always an enjoyable event.

Sunday, October 18, 6 p.m.- Clarice Smith Center: **The Klezmatics**. Contact Robin Olson.

Saturday, October 24 - **Bar Mitzvah** (Kitchen  
 Sunday, October 25, 10 a.m. - **Rummage Sale collection** begins - contact Barbara.

Saturday, November 7, 7 p.m. **Rummage Sale set-up**.

Sunday November 8 and Monday November 9 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Rummage Sale** at Mishkan Torah. Contact Barbara to volunteer.

Saturday, November 14 - Bar Mitzvah (Kitchen

help will be needed - contact Marla).

Sunday, November 22 – **Karp Family School Book Sale** - contact Martha Tomecek.

Saturday, December 12 – 6 p.m. **Special Hanukah event** with Karp Family School.

Saturday, January 30 (snow date: February 8)  
**Come to the Cabaret!** Save the date!

Sunday, February 21, 11 a.m. - **Laughter Yoga** – gentle yoga for all ages and all activity levels.

Sunday, March 14 - 6 p.m. - **Sisterhood seder**. With Fran Hakim in charge this is sure to be a delicious evening.

Saturday, April 17 - 7:30 p.m. - Senior Theatre:



**Groucho Marx One Man Show.** (Cont'd p. 5)

From the Sisterhood Paid-Up Brunch

Left: Seated (from L to R): Lynn Title, Sue Ponemon, Judy Goldberg-Strasser, Linda Shevitz; Standing (L to R): Barbara Shansby, program co-chairs Eva Garin & Niki Kohn. Above: Two members of the Next generation: Emily Anderson & Katia Cavigelli

Photos by Jackie Kling

## SISTERHOOD SAYS . . . from page 4

### Tentative:

Sunday, April 18 -2 p.m. - Greenbelt Arts Center  
– Premiere of **Nicole Burton's play, *Fred and Frieda*.**

Saturday, May 1 - after Shabbat - **Jewelry Sale set-up.** Contact Eva Choper.

Sunday, May 2 - **Fourth Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale.** Contact Eva to volunteer.

Thursday - May 27 - 7 p.m. - TBA Program with **Ice Cream Social and Elections.**

Sunday - June 6 or 13 - Donor Event – TBA.

### SPECIAL REMINDERS

**Mitzvah Cards:** Call Becky Hirsch at XXX XXX -XXXX for speedy efficient service.

**Catering:** Alyce Strasser at XXX XXX-XXXX will provide excellent help as you plan your special event.

**Gift Shop:** Call Alyce Strasser (after 10:30 a.m., please) for help at the Gift Shop as you choose from a beautiful selection of jewelry, ceramics and glassware gifts for all occasions.

REMEMBER: SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 30, FOR A **SPECTACULAR PROGRAM !!**

## ALEX SAVIET TO BECOME BAR MITZVAH

by Liz Ahmann

Alex Saviet, the third child in the Ahmann & Saviet family, will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on November 14 at Mishkan Torah.

He is very enthusiastic about his Jewish studies -- and about sports! Alex enjoys swim team during the summer (go Cheverly Dolphins!) and soccer during the fall. It takes hours of sports or PE to tire him out.

Alex has become a voracious reader, and is usually found with a stack of books nearby. Lately, fantasy – like the Harry Potter and Twilight series – seems to have the biggest attraction. He also plays piano well.

After several years of homeschooling, Alex is now a 7th grader at New Hope Academy in Landover Hills. He has many friends, those from Hebrew School, homeschooling, New Hope Academy, soccer team, swim team, etc., etc., etc. He is very gregarious.

Alex is grateful to his many friends – as well as to relatives, family friends, and members of the congregation – who have helped with his Bar Mitzvah project,

which involved raising funds for an indoor recreation center in Sderot, Israel. (See the July *Trumpet*.) He has met his goal of raising \$500 for the center.

*Liz Ahmann & Richard Saviet  
joyfully invite  
Mishkan Torah Congregants  
to celebrate our son  
Alex Saviet's  
being called to the Torah.  
November 14, 2009  
Kiddush luncheon following  
services.*

*Please R.S.V.P.  
(number attending)  
by November 1 to  
mishkantorah@yahoo.com  
or 301-474-4223*

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	<i>Erev Sukkot Services</i> (Karp Family School <i>Sukkot</i> Potluck @ 6:30 p.m.)	7:30 pm.
3	First Day <i>Sukkot Services</i>	9:30 a.m.
4	Second Day <i>Sukkot Services</i>	9:30 a.m.
6	"Sisters in the <i>Sukkah</i> " at Debbie Brenner's house	6 p.m.
10	<i>Shemini Atzeret w/ Yizkor</i>	9:30 a.m.
10	Karp School Potluck & Family Ed: Why do we read the same stories every year?	6:30 p.m.
10	<i>Erev Simchat Torah w/ Parade and Dancing</i>	7:30 p.m.
11	<i>Simchat Torah Services</i>	9 a.m.
16	<i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
17	<i>Shabbat Beresheet</i>	9:30 a.m.
18	Mishnah Study & Minyan (Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan)	8:45 a.m.
23	<i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
24	<i>Shabbat Noah</i>	9:30 a.m.
25	Rummage Sale collection begins at Mishkan Torah	10 a.m.
30	<i>Erev Shabbat Services</i>	8 p.m.
31	<i>Shabbat Lech-Lecha</i>	9:30 a.m.

## OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

### October 2

Ethel Solomon\*  
 Barbara Baren Beck\*  
 Abe Kampinsky\*  
 Marian Wolfe Cohen\*  
 Bernice Levenson Jacobs\*  
 Macy Savatsky\*  
 Hyman Eisenblat\*

### October 9

Rita Gottlieb  
 Saul Michaels\*  
 Joel Boldt  
 Sarah Goldstein\*  
 Molly Epstein\*  
 James Tomecek

### October 16

Herman Granite\*  
 Leonard Rappaport

Paul Levine  
 Jack Ratzkin\*  
 Ida Ryss\*  
 Minna Goldstein  
 Jack Lupo\*  
 Florence Eisenberg  
 Esther Cohen  
 David Benharroch  
 Moe Epstein\*  
 Malcolm Neil Liebroder\*  
 Bessie Gold\*

### October 23

Samuel Schwartz\*  
 Ethel Gerring\*  
 Alyce Weinstock\*  
 William Goldenberg  
 Leo D. Rosenstock  
 Leanora Taubman Karpen\*  
 Jack Sanders\*

Felix Dudek  
 Raymond R. Haber\*  
 Ethel Pogarsky  
 Max Pogarsky  
 Gertrude Schultz  
 David Stoler\*  
 Irving Davis

### October 30

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

## NOVEMBER PREVIEW

1	Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 a.m.
6	<i>Erev Shabbat Family Services</i>	7:30 p.m.
5	<i>Shabbat Vayera</i>	9:30 a.m.
8 & 9	Sisterhood Rummage Sale	9 a.m.
14	Bar Mitzvah of Alex Saviet – Shabbat Chayei Sara	9:30 a.m.

## MISHKAN TORAH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

### Yahrzeits

Marcy Brodsky for Barry Brodsky  
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 Milinevsky  
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 Harise Poland for Henry Kurz  
 Marilyn L. Sheetz for David Karp  
 Steve & Linda Shevitz for Bernard Shevitz  
 Elaine Skolnik for Beatrice Skolnik & Mary  
 Cohen  
 Stan Stern & Judy Gallant for Julius Stern  
 Adam & Abigail Tram for Elihu Boldt  
 Mort & Diane Tuckman for Diane Kritt  
 Sue Weiss for Ruth Gassner  
 Nadine Wobus for Beatrice Leff

### High Holiday President's Club

Jackie & Arnold Kling  
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### High Holiday

Paul Architzel & Stephanie Goodwin  
 Joe Gurman  
 Judith Karpen  
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 Fran Sanders  
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 Sam Shmerl  
 Cecile Spiegel  
 Stan Stern & Judy Gallant  
 Joe Tulman & Deborah Greenfield  
 Irv Wartell

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#### In Memory of Mindy Rogal

Lois, Sam & Mimi Fields  
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 Niki Burton  
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 Chana Mason  
 Steve & Janet Mirsky  
 Judy & Mel Morganstein  
 Harise Poland Wright  
 Fran Sanders  
 Ronnie Scotkin & Edward Hickey  
 Steve & Linda Shevitz  
 Mark Shroder & Susan Keller  
 Leslie Sittle  
 Linda & David Spevack  
 Stan Stern & Judy Gallant  
 Joe Tulman & Deborah Greenfield  
 Ellen Weiss  
 Sue & Stephen Weiss

### MINYAN, MISHNA TO RESUME

Information provided by Mark Silverstein  
 Sunday morning davening and studying  
 Mishna will resume October 18 at 8:30 a.m.  
 Participants generally have the opportunity to  
 schmooze until about 8:45 when davening  
 begins.

The traditional *Siddur Talmud* passage will  
 be replaced by the study of Tractate Chullin,  
 which deals with the laws concerning  
 slaughtering animals that may be eaten. (The  
 discussion is usually facilitated by Mark  
 Silverstein.) *Davening* resumes with *Kaddish*  
*DeRabbanan*.

The group will meet as often as possible,  
 usually depending upon how many people are  
 going to be available. (If at least three people  
 plan to attend, the group will meet.

## SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

by Andrea Weiss

The Social Action Committee is sponsoring our second annual winter clothing drive, to collect new or gently used warm coats, hats, and gloves for the children of Spring Hill Lake Elementary School. The clothing drive will begin this October and go through January.

Last year Mishkan Torah members donated clothing and also \$150 in cash, which enabled us to purchase more than 13 new coats for the children. We are eager to outdo ourselves this year. Please ask everyone you know for coats their children have outgrown—there is such a great need at the school that the teachers often find themselves purchasing clothing for their students.

There will be a designated box in the cloakroom. And please consider sending a check payable to Mishkan Torah, with Social Action in the memo line. Ronnie Scotkin and I are masters of stretching a dollar, as you can see if you do the math from last year's purchases! Spring Hill Lake educates over 570 children, 71 per cent of whom qualify for free and reduced meals.

Social Action is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, December 6, from 12 to 4. Last March we collected 14 pints of usable blood. We'd love to increase that to 16 this time. Please put it on your calendars. Donors can schedule an appointment or just walk in. Look for more details in the November issue of the *Trumpet*.

Our next committee meeting will be Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 A.M.

### MORE RECON NEWS

from Jackie Land

Mark your Calendars for the next Chesapeake Annual Celebration on **Sunday, March 21, 2010**. We look forward to an event with members of all our constituents groups coming together to honor members of our community and to celebrate as Reconstructionists. More information will follow!

JRF endorses and joins national interfaith coalition "Fighting Poverty with Faith: Good Jobs, Green Jobs," October 14-21, 2009.

Information can be found at <http://jrf.org/fight-poverty-with-faith>.

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Please submit articles, pictures, suggestions, and flyers to Arnold Brodsky by the 20th of each month unless announced otherwise.



## MISHKAN TORAH'S VILLAGE WINS KUDOS (FROM PAGE 1)

Every member of the Labor Day French fry booth "village" displayed the best "esprit de corps" and deserve acknowledgement and our appreciation, in no particular order: Jordan Choper, Irv Wartell, Michel Cavagelli, Martha Tomecek, Diane Rubinstein, David Anderson, Reuben Cohen, Dan and Marissa Lowery, Sam Fields, Ron Brooks, David Granite, Mary Lou Oster-Granite, Keith Chernikoff, Frank Pearlman, Hal Rappaport, Harold and Adam Silverman, Stephen and Sue Ungar, Miles Landry, Mark Silverstein, Robert Goldberg-Strassler, Shulamit Shroder, Micah Saviet, Gail Phillips, Brett Goldstein, Carole Levy, and Ed Hickey.

It takes me several days to get the smell of oil and frying potatoes out of my respiratory system and from my consciousness! I estimate that it took six days for the Men's Club to prepare for, set up, make and sell French fries, and cleanup. Six days. Where have I heard that number before?

While we were selling French fries, Mishkan Torah treated the Labor Day parade audience to their first-of-a-kind dance performance. Darelynn Fung's Youth Group, under the direction of Marissa Lowery, led an impressive display of a range of Israeli Folk Dancing.



Reuben Cohen, Sam Fields, Dan and Marissa Lowery were among the many who helped out in the Men's Club French fries booth at the Labor Day Festival. Photo by Steven Mirsky



Dan Lowery, Ron Brooks, and Sam Fields worked many hours at cutting and frying the Men's Club "trademark" sweet potato fries as well as the traditional white potato fries.

Along with Marissa, the dancers included Aaron Goldstein, Emily Anderson, Esther Goldberg, Alex Saviet, Carlos Castillo, Sam Goldstein, Simon Loewenstein, Elta Goldstein, and Eva Loewenstein representing grades 4 through 10 at Mishkan Torah. A more detailed article on their performance can be found in this Trumpet. Suffice it to say that their efforts resulted in Mishkan Torah being awarded the Best Novelty Act Prize in the Labor Day Parade, a very large multi-level trophy. A photo of Darelynn receiving this impressive award can be found in this issue of the Trumpet.

Yasher Koach to the 47 "points of light" that made Mishkan Torah's Labor Day Festival French Fry Booth and Parade Dance performance an unqualified success!

Now if I can only get that sight, smell, and feel of frying potatoes out of my brain!

**REMEMBER!**  
**JANUARY 30!**  
**SPECIAL CABARET NIGHT!**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**&**  
**LOOK FOR DETAILS NEXT MONTH!**

# RUMMAGE SALE

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

**IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SALE,  
WE NEED YOUR RUMMAGE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

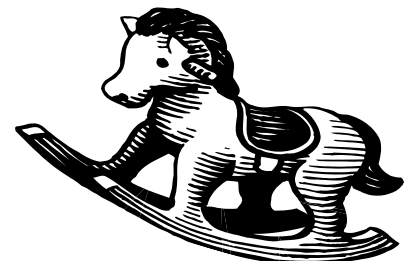
We are **NOT** collecting things that one person **CANNOT** carry



Receipt provided  
for tax purposes.

**COLLECTION BEGINS  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

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## Youth March, Dance To Trophy

Mishkan Torah Youth marched in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. They performed dances that varied from traditional Israeli Folk Dance to modern hip hop in Hebrew. The group was awarded the title 'Best Novelty' and received a trophy for its performance.

Sophomore Marissa Lowery came up with

the idea of having the Mishkan Torah youth perform and march in the Labor Day parade. She organized, choreographed, and ran rehearsals, teaching dances she had learned at camp. The group received 'Most Novel' award. (Imagine, a synagogue in Prince George's County: How novel!)

by Darelynn Fung



### PICTURES FROM THE GREENBELT LABOR DAY PARADE

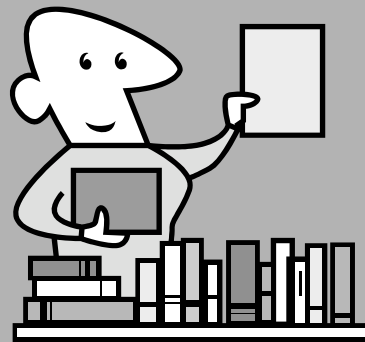
CLOCKWISE FROM THE LEFT: THE Mishkan Torah Youth Group danced their way down the parade route directly to an unexpected prize. Participants in the parade pose for a group picture: Front Row: Sam Goldstein, Emily Anderson, Eva Loewenstein, Elta Goldstein, Simon Loewenstein, Esther Goldberg. Back Row: Aaron Goldstein, Alex Saviet, Carlos Castillo, Marissa Lowery, who organized, choreographed, and led the effort. Youth Chair Darelynn Fung proudly displays the trophy awarded to the group as the "most novel presentation."

(Pictures 1 & 2 by Darelynn Fung; picture 3 by Steven Mirsky)

Save the date!

Sunday, November 22  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

KARP FAMILY HEBREW SCHOOL  
BOOK FAIR



Buy books for all ages  
&  
support Jewish education!

Guest speakers to be announced

## RECONSTRUCTIONIST MUSICAL RETREAT SET FOR ADAT SHALOM

from Jackie Land

Mark your calendars and sign up now for the JRF Harmoniyah Biennial Retreat, October 29 – November 1, 2009 at Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation. This conference is for anyone who is involved with music in their congregation or interested in music.

The following is an excerpt from the JRF website, and gives a really good feel for the Retreat.

*Experience a wonderful opportunity for learning, professional development, spiritual growth, lots of music-making and seeing old and new friends in the JRF world.*

*This year's retreat is hosted by Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Bethesda, Maryland. Join us for the second biennial JRF Harmoniyah Music Retreat- beginning Thursday evening October 29th through Sunday morning, November 1, 2009 .*

*The goal of this retreat is to continue to build a participatory, community-affirming network of rabbis, cantors, lay leaders, music directors, educators, liturgists, musicians and music lovers that joyfully celebrates our collective experiences, skills and resources in the ongoing preservation and creation of music of & for the Jewish People.*

### **Retreat Highlights include:**

- *A smorgasbord of Jewish music workshops on topics ranging from traditional chazanut to Jewish music and meditation to Jewish pre-school music, led by an array of JRF musicians and cantors from all over North America.*
- *A special opening keynote session with noted conductor, arranger and teacher of Jewish music, Eleanor Epstein.-*
- *A rare and rich visit by world-renowned singer and composer of Sephardic music, Flory Jagoda.*
- *Several opportunities to share and learn music composed by musicians in our own movement for Shabbat and other times.*
- *A showcase of Shalsholet International Festival of Jewish music winners from within the JRF community.*
- *Creative and traditional services for weekday and Shabbat in Adat Shalom's beautiful sanctuary, surrounded by the beautiful voices of Harmoniyah members.*
- *Lots of opportunities to hear and share original music as well as known favorites.*

To register, use the following link:

**<http://harmoniyah.wufoo.com/forms/harmoniyah-2nd-biennial-retreat-registration/>**

## MISHKAN TORAH THEATER

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### 20 MILLION MILES TO EARTH & MYSTERIOUS ISLAND

Sunday October 18 at 2 p.m.

On our new 52" screen

Refreshments will be sold by the Ways & Means Committee.

The nine part Holocaust series will be shown  
on alternate Monday nights beginning November 2.



## MEMBER OFFERS PICTURES THAT EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOATS

from Elizabeth Gaines

MT member Lolly Gaines, while visiting the Greenbelt Farmers Market, saw a couple of key MT members & a kid. The first photo she describes as being of "an old goat and a young one." The next picture shows Lolly with them. The third picture caused her to wonder if President Steven Mirsky knows that animal sacrifices are no longer done.



### THE KLEZMATICS

At the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
October 18, 2009 at 6 p.m.

\$36 adults

\$9 full-time students

RSVP to Robin Olson at [mishkantorah@yahoo.com](mailto:mishkantorah@yahoo.com)  
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Make checks payable to Mishkan Torah Sisterhood &  
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