TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE ENGAGES A BROAD AGENDA OF ISSUES

By Larry Katzman

The Tikkun Olam (social justice) committee, newly-re-energized and re-organized, is actively working in the following issue areas:

- Prevention of genocide in Darfur
- Elimination of torture and other cruel and inhumane treatment
  - Local housing issues
- Promotion of environmental justice
- Promotion of civil unions in Maryland.

Upcoming educational programs include:

November 18: Forum on housing, 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM
featuring County Council Members George Leventhal and Marc Elrich, Barbara Goldberg Goldman (County Affordable Housing Task Force), Rick Nelson (County Division of Housing), and congregant Josh Silver

Join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 7:30-9 PM

In addition, our work on traditional social service projects continues. These include serving the homeless at Shepherd’s Table, working as mentors to transitional families through the Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition, and preparing meals for SOME (So Others Might Eat).

We welcome individuals interested in the above issues and will do our best to facilitate any congregant’s interest in other issues of social justice.

To be placed on our mailing list contact tikkunolam@templeshalom.net

For more information, please contact the committee chair,
Larry Katzman, at 301-565-0707, or dkatzman2@comcast.net
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Sunday, Nov. 18th
9AM–2:30 PM

Mark your calendar to shop at this wonderful Holiday Gift Sale. There will be handmade items, Chanukah items, books, music, seasonal gifts for children, family, friends and teachers, and food.

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Reminder

The membership directory is coming out soon!!!! Don’t be left out—get your ad in and remind your friends and family about your business or services. Page 8 for details.
The great secret, the real pull and power of any community, is in its ability to walk the razor’s edge between yesterday and tomorrow, to preserve a sense of connection and continuity with the past while at the same time responding to the needs of the moment, and situations the tradition never thought of before. The very phrase “living tradition” contains within it this delicate balance. The image which has always been helpful to me, in Jewish terms, is calling the Torah a “tree of life.” Because, with a fruit-bearing tree, the quality of the produce depends on two things: deep roots, and contemporary conditions. That which goes down and stays the same, and that which is around us, and changes all the time.

This is a month of continuity, and change, as we welcome, at long last (we think!) a new prayerbook for the Reform movement. We are told, as of now, that the new siddur should be bound and ready for shipping by the end of October. We will introduce the new prayerbook to the congregation, then, at some point in November or December. (And yes, although we have ordered 300 copies—in two different editions, mostly with, but some without transliteration—we will, soon, be asking for your help, in obtaining enough to meet our needs, in dedicating current and future books, and in honoring those who have dedicated the prayerbooks of our past.)

Elsewhere in this edition of the Shofar, you will find the details of an important opportunity: our extended exploration of how the Reform movement got to where we are today, through our Tuesday evening Fall Beit Midrash, beginning on November 6.

For now, questions that I know will come up, which I hope we can begin to answer together, in this month of November. The questions are philosophical, and practical:

In what ways is the new prayerbook a continuation of Reform liturgy of the past, and in what ways is it a “return” (or, rather, perhaps, a new connection with) to more traditional elements of Jewish life?

Can we create community while increasing individual self-expression (a key goal of the new siddur)?

How jarring will it feel, to hold something very new in our hands while seeking familiarity—or are we, now, in this era of the world wide web, so used to change that this will no longer prove to be a challenge for most people?

Will the transliteration be liberating and helpful for adults who do not know Hebrew, or a stumbling block for our students who are trying to learn the language? Or both? (Which is why we have ordered a certain number of prayerbooks without the transliteration, for our young people, and for anyone who will be distracted rather than aided by the English rendition of the Hebrew words.)

Should services experiment with the new, to explore the possibilities and potential of this new tool, or should we try to hew as close to what we now do as possible?

How quickly will other Reform synagogues adopt this new siddur, so that it becomes a national, unifying force for our movement? Or is this the very last prayerbook which will ever be published? Perhaps in a dozen years or so you will simply walk in to a service with your Palm-Pilot equivalent on receptive mode, and the clergy will beam a particular selection of multi-media experiences into your hand-held device. (And will that include the opportunity to text-message reactions and responses to the sermon, in real time as the message is being “delivered”?)

And, of course, the most challenging questions will be... the unexpected ones. Things we have not thought of yet. Because with every innovation, there is the law of unintended consequences.

But this I know, from experience and with confidence. There is a law of spiritual life that those who want to meet God alone in the forest sometimes forget. It is this: spiritual connections take work. It is not all done “for” you. You have to be a participant. You have to be engaged. Repetition can seem boring, but it is a kind of preparation, for the encounter that can come... from experience. In simpler words, in a world of change, my message for the moment is this: familiarity breeds comfort.

So come early, and come often.

And we’ll find our own new equilibrium, our communal spiritual balance... together.

Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach
Torah, Avodah, and Gimilut Chasadim are foundations of Judaism. They are the bedrock of our people as we are called, “a light onto the nations.” In our religious school we strive to instill our children with these three cornerstones of Judaism.

Torah can be defined as large “T” Torah meaning the five books of Moses. These five books contain the stories, ethics, laws, history and heritage of a new civilization that changed the way the world was to think. No longer was the basis for justice “an eye for an eye.” There would be a foundation of laws that would deal with the rights of the individual and the safety of the community. Small “t” torah refers to all those things that guide our life as Jews including writings throughout our history; the survival of the only civilization that was conquered but would not die. We teach our students the stories, ethics and history in the Torah. We discuss commentators throughout our history that strive to understand these ancient books and we try to make it relevant to their lives today.

Avodah is service of the heart. It is our striving to understand God and what God expects of us. It is learning prayers and leading prayer services, which each grade does during the year. We teach our children Hebrew, a language used by Jews for 3,000 years. Students in grades 4–7 learn to read and follow the prayers in Hebrew so they can find their way in a service in any synagogue anywhere in the world. They discuss the meanings of the prayers and why they are in our prayer book. We explore questions about God and why we have a relationship with God. Avodah, service of the heart, comes to fruition for our children during their Bar/Bat Mitzvah as they read from Torah and discuss its meaning.

Gimilut Chasadim, doing kind acts for others is central to our Jewish community and Temple Shalom. Children bring their Tzedakah money to each class to share what they have with others less fortunate. They participate in Mitzvah projects throughout the year and they learn the importance of being a community that thinks about being kind to other people. They also learn during their studies about the 10 Commandments and how we care for the stranger, orphan and widow and we have a special relationship with God and the world. These are Jewish ideas brought to the world by our people.

In the year to come, we will be asking you to learn along with your children by participating in family education programs, coming to Shabbat services and taking an interest in their Judaic studies and Hebrew homework. If you have any questions or want to learn more, my door is always open. I am looking forward to a year filled with Torah, Avodah and Gimilut Chasadim as I watch our teachers connect their students to Jewish ideas and I share Torah study, family programs and services with you.

Lisa Pressman
Director of Education
The Board discussed the Herman Rosenfeld Special Purpose Fund. The fund was established in 1990 to help resettle Jews from the Soviet Union who became members of Temple Shalom. Because there were no longer many requests for grants from this fund, we approached Irene Rosenfeld several years ago for permission to amend the purpose to include grants in support of members who needed assistance with tuition and fees in the Religious School. However, there is no written policy to guide the use of the fund. David Frager made a motion to table the discussion until Harvey Berger, Chair of the Special Purpose Funds, could be consulted further.

Julie Knoll passed out flyers for the Mitzvah Day project, Bikes for the World, and encouraged the Board to publicize the event by putting up flyers and spreading the word on neighborhood listservs.

Lisa Pressman provided an update on the Religious School. Enrollment numbers are down 42 students from last year. We do expect a few additional students in the 8th and 9th grades and in the post-Confirmation class. Andrea Mark asked Marc Blumenstein to bring this information for discussion with the Religious Education Committee and suggested that the decline in enrollment should be a factor in the upcoming discussions about staffing. Retention of faculty is very high, with almost all positions filled with returning faculty.

Susan Zemsky reported on the High Holy days. Not all of the numbers are in, but the spirit—in terms of the staff, volunteers and the congregation—was high. The community services went very well. The Board discussed attendance at services, and the impression was that attendance was lighter than in years past. Rabbi Feshbach noted that because we have new, younger families, they might only be attending family services, not adult services.

David Frager provided a handout on long-range planning objectives/congregational needs that ranked the importance of various aspects of synagogue services. The Board discussed the report and suggested changes. Andrea Mark thanked David for his work on the report.

Andrea Mark discussed the congregational Town Hall meeting on October 28th from 10 AM to NOON. Judith Erger from the URJ will be the moderator of the meeting, along with a lay leader, Judge Burkett, who will establish the norms and procedures. The meeting will be in the sanctuary, and the Rabbi will lead the D’var Torah. The Board will provide financial information, membership information and the staffing history of the synagogue. We will then open up the meeting for discussion, facilitated by Judith Erger and Judge Burkett. It was also suggested that childcare be provided, as the meeting spans both Sunday school sessions. It was further suggested that we have standing microphones in the aisles for members to make comments. Betsy Kingery noted that the Town meetings will be an ongoing activity, with one planned for the spring and several planned for next year.

Financial Secretary Alan Lewis proposed six new member families for approval by the Board, which were approved unanimously.

Allison Druin reminded Board members about the New Member reception on October 27th at 2 PM at her home.

The next Board meeting is November 8th.
FALL BEIT MIDRASH: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE— Reform Judaism: Platforms and Prayer Books
This centers around the publication and incorporation into worship of the new Mishkan Teffilah—Reform Jewish Siddur; a very significant event. Course offerings and discussions will focus on the context and continuing evolution of modern Reform Jewish approaches to our traditional mitzvot of Torah, worship, and acts of loving kindness.

Tuesday evenings November 6, 13, and 27; 7:30-9:30 PM $60 for members, $75 for non-members. Please complete the Registration Form at the back of the catalog or go online to www.templeshalom.net and complete the form.

November 6: The Evolution of Reform Ideology— From Pittsburgh to Pittsburgh This session will explore the “platforms” and official ideological statements of our movement, from the radical, anti-traditional Pittsburgh Platform of the late 19th century which many people still think of as the definition of Reform Judaism, to the most recent attempt to balance modern life with Jewish tradition, and personal autonomy with Jewish obligation, as found in the Pittsburgh Principles of 1999 which attempt to define the Reform Judaism of today.

November 13: From Reverend to Rabbi to Do-It-Yourself— The Prayer Books of American Reform Judaism This session will explore the growth and development of Reform Jewish liturgy, from the eloquent and lofty language of the old Union Prayer book (in its various editions), through the “Gates” series, to the newly released Siddur, Mishkan Teffilah, to be introduced to the congregation during the month of November.

November 27: Issues in Reform Judaism Today Autonomy and Obligation, Kashrut and Eco-Kashrut, the balance of personal spirituality and communal social justice; these topics and more will be addressed in a session devoted to the questions and interests of the participants, and we all seek to get a sense of the meaning and direction of the Reform movement of today.

Wednesday Mornings at Leisure World— Beyond the Bible: Ten Important Works of Jewish Literature Which You Might Not Know That Much About
Many of us have heard of certain Jewish classics, and certain Jewish writers: The Bible, the Talmud, the Zohar and Kabbalah, Maimonides, Spinoza… but there are many other important books in Jewish history which receive less attention now, and so may qualify as “forgotten classics.” This course serves as a general introduction to ten such works, writings whose impact on Jewish history and thought were very important even though their contributions are little-known today. Other than the first material covered, much of these writings are works of philosophy, and so a general introduction to Jewish philosophy will accompany the presentation of the texts. Classes taught by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Rabbi Gerry Serotta.

To register or for further information, contact Bernie Kahn, Chair, Jewish Residents of Leisure World, at 301-598-8222. All sessions 10:30 AM to 12 NOON at Leisure World.

Beyond the Bible I: Fall Sessions
November 7, 2007 Bachya Ibn Pakuda, Duties of the Heart
November 14, 2007 Yehuda HaLevi, The Kurzari
November 28, 2007 Sefer HaChasidim

Temple Shalom Book Discussion Group
The Book Discussion Group meets during the early session of religious school on Sundays from 9–10:30 AM. The next session is November 18—featuring Women in Jerusalem, by Abraham B. Yehoshua & Hillel Halkin (fiction). No fee. Contact Heidi Coleman at 301-588-1173 for further information. See page 5 for more information.
Reading the Writings—
The Book of Psalms:
Yearnings of the Heart, Spirituality of the Soul
For thousands of years, when Jews—or Christians—have been in trouble, or when they have been bursting with joy; in sorrow and in celebration—we have turned to one book above all others. It is a book of hope which sustained Anatoly Scharansky in the darkest days of his isolation; it is a source of inspiration and consolation which has, frequently, been the only possession Jews fleeing oppression have taken with them. “It” is the book of Psalms, the most personal, poetic and “spiritual” book in the Hebrew Bible.

This October Temple Shalom reconvenes its lunchtime series “Reading the Writings,” starting with the Book of Psalms. This informal discussion meets (almost) every Thursday afternoon in the Chapel at Temple Shalom. Sessions work for those who just drop in occasionally, as well as for those who try to come every week. Bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share; no previous knowledge of Hebrew or Biblical texts is required. No charge.

Thursdays, continuing on most Thursdays through May 29, 2008, 12:15–1:30 PM. In the Chapel

Talmud Study—,
The Babylonian Talmud:
Masechet Sanhedrin
Did you know there is more than one version of the Talmud—the Jerusalem and the Babylonian? Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Rabbi Gerry Serotta will teach this fascinating Talmud series looking at the influence and impact the Babylonian Talmud has had on Jewish life, study and customs. Classes held in Room 10. No charge. Classes meet only when Sunday morning religious school is in session.

9:30–10:30 AM; Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session

Began October 7, 2007 and continues through April 13, 2008

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Foodie explores cuisine of the captives

by Karen Schafer | Staff Writer   J. Adam Fenster - The Gazette


For more information go to http://www.afrofoodways.com

This article is a reprinted from The Gazette. The sweet potato pie recipe was originally printed at the end of the article.

I ncorporating music, historical narratives and authentic foods, Rockville historian Michael Twitty illustrates the influence of enslaved people on the cuisine of the new world on Tuesday evening in Beall-Dawson House.

Michael Twitty gets all atwitter talking about paw paws and persimmons. And when it comes to foods beginning with the words “heirloom” or “native,” he goes gaga. Hoping eventually to become the go-to guy when discussing foods eaten by Maryland slaves, this Epicurean historian and lecturer’s enthusiasm is contagious — especially when American history is the subject.

“The slaves weren’t Aunt Jeminas or Uncle Bens or worse, nameless or faceless,” he insists. And while many slaves spent countless hours “cooking in the big houses,” it’s what “slaves were cooking for themselves in their own community” that intrigues Twitty.

This self-described “cook, I’m not a chef” — that’s “too much work” — will talk about his book “Fighting Old Nep: The Foodways of Enslaved Afro-Marylanders 1634-1864” on Tuesday at the Montgomery County Historical Society’s Beall-Dawson House in Rockville.

The book’s title is taken from a letter Frederick Douglass wrote as a child, being “so pinched with hunger,” he would fight his master’s dog Old Nep for a crumb of food off the kitchen floor.

While Douglass may have struggled to eat a morsel, Twitty has learned that many slaves were quick studies; in their few spare moments, they figured out the lay of the land — hunting, fishing and creating small kitchen farms.

Twitty may often be reading and researching said subject matter amid his 2,000-plus volume library, but today he plans to dig up sweet potatoes from his Rockville backyard. Happy with the process of harvesting his kitchen garden, he also calls himself a “wild-crafter” or forager who gathers foods from their natural and wild habitat. Although he gives kitchens a wide berth, he promises on any given spring or fall day he can scavenger into “woods or even back pathways and get lunch.”

But exactly why and when did this Albert Einstein High School alumnus become obsessed with slave cooking?

“I like to eat. My grand-momma and all the men could cook,” Twitty explains. “Everybody cooked” and gender never played a role.

When the foodie was just 12 and living in Wheaton, he recalls trying to use hot stones to cook like the Plains Indians. Another time, his mother let him attempt to make hominy with the decorative corn used at Halloween. He also took short visits with his father to the family farm in Virginia. When studying Afro-American studies at Howard University, Twitty’s interest really took off.

At first, he was fascinated by anything and everything to do with African culture and its relationship with the slave community. He didn’t care about studying democracy. When friends and professors recommended narrowing his focus to one to two specialties, he opted to study food. Twitty’s professors were unimpressed.

“I wasn’t encouraged to pursue this subject. People didn’t understand. I should have been studying something more serious, to solve social ills in the black community,” he says.

But, he figured, if students in “primarily white colleges like Harvard” could study this subject and “make money at it,” he would, too.

Then in 2000, at age 24, he converted to Judaism. He insists this wasn’t much of a stretch with Catholic, Jehovah Witness and

in his words: An excerpt from Michael Twitty’s book “Fighting Old Nep: The Foodways of Enslaved Afro-Marylanders 1634-1864”

When enslaved Africans were introduced to European puddings they were reminded of the mashed vegetable, fruit and grain dishes they knew in their homelands. Europeans on the coast of Africa introduced the concept of “desserts” to tropical Africa. Sweet potato pie is the marriage of a tropical tuber with a spicy vegetable pudding with a pie form. After reading several historical recipes, it appeared to me that the sweet potato pie we eat today does not really approximate the taste of the kind of sweet potato pies eaten in the quarters. Eggs, butter, white sugar, vanilla, flour, spices, etc. used in modern sweet potato pies, would have all been very precious ingredients. Two recipes suggested rum in place of spices and vanilla extract, and we know that liquor was a commonly traded item in the quarters, particularly West Indian rum. If nutmeg was ever included in the pies in the quarters, it was a rare treat.

Sweet Potato Pie

2 large boiled sweet potatoes

3-4 eggs

2 tablespoons of spiced rum

dash of salt

1/2 cup of sorghum or light molasses

1/4 cup of freshly churned butter

pinch or two of nutmeg (optional)

1 9-inch pie shell

Pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees. Mix all the ingredients for the inside together and pour in to fill the crust. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until the knife or fork comes out clean.

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THURSDAY
12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice
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SATURDAY
7th Grade Retreat
9 AM Primary Age Shabbat Service–led by the 3rd Grade
10 AM Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Gabe Gan
10 AM Shabbat Morning Family Service–led by the 7th Grade
11 AM Youth Program
11 AM Torah Study

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FRIDAY
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service led by 4th Grade (with Naming Ceremony)

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SATURDAY
10 AM Shabbat Morning Service and B’nai Mitzvah of Madison Peterson Starr and Allison Schneider
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship and Study

4
SUNDAY
8:30 AM 14th Annual Mitzvah Day (No Regular Classes)
9:30 AM Talmud Study

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MONDAY
7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism–Fall 07

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TUESDAY
4:30 PM Hebrew School

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WEDNESDAY
7 AM Wednesday Morning Minyan Service
10:30 AM Beyond the Bible 1 (offsite)
4:30 PM Hebrew School Afternoon Session
6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting
6:45 PM Hebrew School Evening Session
6:45 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Mitzvah Corps Meeting

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THURSDAY
12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

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FRIDAY
5 PM 7th Grade Retreat
6 PM Introduction to Judaism Shabbat

Sunday, Nov. 18th

9 AM–2:30 PM
Shop at our wonderful Holiday Gift Sale!

There will be many vendors with handmade items, Chanukah items, books, music, seasonal gifts for children, family, friends and teachers, and food.

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6:45 PM Tot Shabbat
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

10 AM Shabbat Morning Service and
B’nai Mitzvah of Claire Cohen and
Grace Sheed
10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

8:45 AM Religious School Early Session
   with 1st Grade Family Ed
9 AM Sisterhood’s Chanukah Mart
9:30 AM Talmud Study
9:30 AM Book Discussion Group
10 AM Brotherhood Brunch
11:15 AM Religious School Late Session
   with 1st Grade Family Ed
11:30 AM Tikkun Olam Forum on
   Housing
4 PM Tasty Jr. Pie Baking & Dinner
6:30 PM Religious School Evening Session
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6:30 PM Post Confirmation Class

7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism–Fall 07

10 AM Shabbat Morning Worship & Study

8:45 AM No Religious School Sessions

7:30 PM Introduction to Judaism–Fall 07

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12:15 PM Lunch with the Prophets
7:15 PM Shir Shalom Choir Practice
7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

8 PM Junior Youth Kallah at
   Temple Beth Ami
8 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Offices Closed in observance of the holiday
Temple Shalom Teacher Featured in the News:

Michael Twitty, a popular teacher in our Chai School (8th and 9th grade) Religious School program, was recently featured in an article in the Gazette (see page 9) which focused on his interests as a historian, author, and "cook." "Mr. Twitty" is teaching a course this semester entitled "Hip Hop and Judaism." He is also the main creative force behind our new program "Boys to Menschen," designed for seventh grade boys. Temple Shalom received a special grant from the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning to initiate this unique program.

This programming concept will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Washington Jewish Week.
Temple Shalom’s Judaic Shop
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early, late and evenings.
Volunteers are staffing the shop.
We hope to be open during Hebrew School on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
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Temple Shalom community!!
The group will offer spiritual and psychological support for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one, either recently or in the past, looking at what Judaism has to say to those who are bereaved.

We will share experiences and receive interpersonal support as we draw upon blessings, prayer, text, and each other for comfort and guidance.

Five Wednesday evenings:
Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, and 19, 7–8 PM

Location: 4707 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 104, Washington DC 20008

Led by: Carol P. Hausman, Ph.D. and Rabbi Gilah Langner
Donation requested.

Contact: Dr. Hausman at 202–966–7851 or washheal@comcast.net for registration and information.

Cuisine of the captives

from page 9  Muslim family members. And besides, growing up so close to Kemp Mill—a predominantly Orthodox Jewish neighborhood in Silver Spring—the religion and culture were familiar friends. He began learning about Jewish foods, and decided it was important to take “ownership of your history. It is a sacred thing.”

Reading food historian Patricia Mitchell’s book on slave cooking, Twitty realized, he “could do it better.”

He hopes to debunk myths, including the thesis that slaves survived on the handouts their masters gave them. From his research, Twitty learned that many were “amateur botanists,” familiarizing themselves with native species and comparing them to similar plants in their native homeland.

Slaves realized that the West African ebony tree and the American persimmon tree have a similar fruit and, in fact, are part of the same genus Diospyros. Soon, slaves were using the fruit to make bread and liquor, then drying it to be eaten during the long winter months.

Twitty realized that while many slaves suffered at the hands of their masters, they also were adapting to their new environment. He had read that slaves often built their homes near a grove of fruit trees—for the food and the shade. This past summer, while researching his newest book, he traveled to Sotterly Plantation in St. Mary’s County and is happy to report that the only existing slave cabin sat near a grove of paw paw trees.

While Twitty can’t resist a kosher Dunkin’ Donut, “picking green beans” gives him the most pleasure.
WON’T YOU TRY THE WEDNESDAY MORNING MINYAN?

**What:** We meet for a morning Service including a brief d’var Torah—discussion of the weekly parsha (portion). And then we have coffee and bagels.

**When:** Every Wednesday at 7 AM, finishing the service by about 7:40 AM

**Why:** It is a chance to say Kaddish, to learn the morning service, to meet nice people, to get a free bagel, to learn a bit about Torah study. And right now, several of our “regulars” are away for an extended period, so you will be helping us actually make up a minyan—10 people worshiping together.

**SO, PLEASE DO COME!**

Uncertain, questions?
Call Marty Shargel at 301–299–2244 or Karen Lowe at 301–468–9202
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**Vintage photographs and stories of Wheaton!**

Do you have archives of old photographs or vintage postcards? Are you knowledgeable about your local history? Would you like to help preserve your community's fascinating history?

Local resident Laura-leigh Palmer is currently compiling a photographic history of Wheaton (previously known as Mitchell Crossroad's, Leesboro and Enster) and is looking for your help! She is assembling historic images of Wheaton and the stories that go with them to include in an upcoming book to be published by Arcadia Publishing, the nation's leading publisher of local and regional history.

To share your photographs and stories, please as soon as possible contact Laura-leigh Palmer at 301-942-1121 or laura.leigh@asapgraphics.com.

**Help keep local history alive!**
"How Can We Make Housing Affordable and Available to Moderate and Low Income Citizens?"

As Silver Spring is redeveloped, Montgomery County grows, housing costs skyrocket and more people cannot afford to live here anymore.

- What should we do about it?
- What is the County doing?
- What more could they do?

- What should be done to stem the rising number of foreclosures?

Find out at the Temple Shalom Affordable Housing Forum

Part of our requirement as Jews to repair the world is to help make sure everyone has an affordable place to live.

Sunday November 18th
from 11:30 AM–1:30 PM in the Chapel

Speakers include:

Montgomery County Councilmember George Leventhal*

Montgomery County Councilmember Marc Elrich
Member of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee

Richard Nelson, Jr., Director
Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Barbara Goldberg Goldman, Chair
Montgomery County Affordable Housing Task Force

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