Shabbat to Feature Music of Aminadav Aloni

Please join us for a special evening as we connect ourselves through worship and culture to the land of Israel. Cantor Manevich, Cantor Bortnick, and Kol Rinah will present a service featuring the compositions of the late Israeli musician Aminadav Aloni (1928–1999) on Friday, May 1 at 6:00 pm at Temple. Mr. Aloni was a gifted pianist, jazz artist, musical comedy composer, musicologist, and arranger. His beautifully complex compositions are a result of his familiarity with sacred texts and his devotion to classic and modern Hebrew literature and poetry.

This service will bring the 2014-2015 Irene & Abe Pollin Music Program Initiative Shabbat series to a close. We thank Mrs. Pollin for sharing the gift of music with the Congregation.
Congratulations to…

Michael Gross, whose paintings and mono prints will be shown in an exhibition at American University Museum’s Katzen Arts Center entitled “Michael Gross: Abstraction,” from June 13 through July 30.

Darcy Hirsh & Alex Kerwin, on the birth and naming of their son, Jesse Gale Kerwin (Yishai Gideon); and to Jesse’s grandparents, Donna & Fredric Hirsh and Ann & Cornelius Kerwin.

Michael Ralph Florenz Rocks & Dana Edelstein, on their marriage; and to their parents, Beth Ourisman Glassman & James Glassman, Nicholas P.H. Rocks, and Dr. Roberta Weiss & Dr. James Edelstein; and Michael’s grandfather, Florenz Ourisman.

Terri Cooperman & Robin Sanders, on the naming of their son, Zachary Wex Cooperman (Chaim); and to Zachary’s big brother, Eli, and grandparents, Gail Cooperman and Iris & William Sanders.

Our Condolences to the Families of…

Bernard Lynn, husband of Maxine Platzer Lynn.

Milton Rosenthal, husband of Ethel Horovitz Rosenthal; father of Barry Rosenthal (Joan) and Marjorie Rosenthal Silver (James); grandfather of Stephanie Rosenthal Meisler (Scott), Douglas Rosenthal, Carolyn Rosenthal, Lauren Baum, and Alison Daglow; great-grandfather of five.

Amram (continued from page 1)

With his latest book, Alex’s Wake: A Voyage of Betrayal and a Journey of Remembrance, he follows two parallel journeys undertaken seven decades apart. In the spring of 1939, Alex and Helmut Goldschmidt, his grandfather and uncle, found themselves aboard the St. Louis, bound for Cuba, when its passengers’ landing permits were revoked, leaving them no place else to go. Turned away from Cuba, the United States, and Canada, the St. Louis was forced to return to Europe and became a stark symbol of the world’s indifference to the impending Holocaust.

The Goldschchilds spent the next three years in six different French camps before being deported to their deaths at Auschwitz.

In the spring of 2011, Martin followed in his relatives’ footsteps on a six-week journey of remembrance and hope, seeking inner peace. This book movingly recounts the detailed histories of both journeys, introducing us to witnesses for whom the events of the past are a vivid part of a living present, and providing an intimate depiction of his efforts to overcome a tormented family legacy.

The Amram Scholar Series thanks the Jewish Book Council for its assistance in arranging this presentation.

“Synagonistis” (continued from page 4)

“Synagonistis” exhibit is Iossif Nissim. A cadet when the war broke out, he used his love for military life to continue the war as a resistance fighter after Greece’s defeat. He later fought on the Middle Eastern front, where he was wounded by a mine in the Battle of Ksar Ghilane. For his bravery, he received the Gold Cross of Valour, the highest award given to a Greek-Jewish soldier during World War II.

Learn more about Iossif Nissim and the ten other Greek-Jewish resistance fighters profiled in “Synagonistis” on display in Kreeger Lobby.
A Special Shirei Shabbat to Feature Sisterhood Installation and Israeli Jazz

Although every Shabbat service is special in its own way, we are excited to share with you plans for the upcoming Shirei Shabbat at Temple on Friday, April 24.

Susita, a jazz ensemble of musically-gifted 10th grade musicians from Israel’s Thelma Yellin High School of the Arts will perform their own compositions and Israeli jazz in Kreeger Lobby for a half hour before the service and again during the oneg.

Members of WHC’s Sisterhood will help lead the 6:00 pm Shirei Shabbat service and bless their new Officers and Board as they begin their term of service to WHC Sisterhood. WHC extends a sincere thank you to outgoing Sisterhood President Deborah Goldman for two years of outstanding service to Sisterhood and the Congregation, as well as congratulations and best wishes to incoming President Sandy Nesbit and her entire Board.

Sisterhood dedicates this service, featuring the beautiful voices of Cantors Manevich and Bortnick and Kol Rinah, in memory of Margot Heckman, a long-time, devoted Sisterhood member known for her warmth and ability to bring people together, who died in August.

You are welcome to join Sisterhood for dinner following the service. To make a reservation, please mail a check ($75 per person) payable to WHC Sisterhood to Phyllis Slavin, 4401 Hornbeam Drive, Rockville, MD 20853. For more information, please contact Brenda Holt, holtbrenda@aol.com or 301-455-3646.

Visit DC.WalktoEndGenocide.org to register or donate today.

Take a stand. Raise your voice.
WALK to End Genocide with WHC!

Sunday, April 26, 1:30 – 4:00 pm
Behind the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW

Attend in Person: Register as a team captain, join an existing team, or walk as an individual. A short program of speakers will inform and inspire. Activities will engage children and families.

Attend Virtually: Register as a Walker in Spirit to raise money from wherever you are.

Support JWW: Make an online donation.

With each step and every donation, you support the millions who have been displaced from their homes in Sudan and Congo, you aid the 335,000 Darfuris surviving in Chad refugee camps, and you honor the 400,000 Darfuris and 6 million Congolese who have died through conflict and genocide.

For more information, contact Richard Young, Walk co-chair and WHC member, richardyoun1941@msn.com or 301-509-4952.
Our B’nei Mitzvah

April 25, 2015
Morning Service

Reuben Herzl Levine
Son of Cheryl Ann & Jason H. Levine
Reuben is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. He is the brother of Isaac and Sidney, and the grandson of Priscilla & Alan H. Levine and the late Lenora Fleisher & Robert Bova.

Havdalah Service

Jared Charles Cohen
Son of Jennifer & Jeffrey Cohen
Jared is a seventh grade student at Bullis School. He is the brother of Jillian, and the grandson of Carole & Austin Mittler and Marlene & Barry Cohen.

Havdalah Service

Zoe Seraphina Oboler
Daughter of Diana & Josh Oboler
Zoe is a seventh grade student at Sheridan School. She is the sister of Ava, and the granddaughter of Lynn & Allen Oboler and Shirley Colee & the late Joe Henderson.

May 2, 2015
Morning Service

Andrew Strauss-Reis
Son of Kit Strauss & Jason Reis
Andy is a sixth grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. He is the brother of Eli and Parker, and the grandson of Jon B. Strauss and Ellen & Bob Reis.

Havdalah Service

Ava Simone Fainberg
Daughter of Lori Klein & Max Fainberg
Ava is an eighth grade student at Westland Middle School. She is the sister of Cecelia and Sebastian, and the granddaughter of Carol & Benson Klein and Joseph & the late Sybil Fainberg.

Havdalah Service

Cecelia Nicole Fainberg
Daughter of Lori Klein & Max Fainberg
Cece is a sixth grade student at Chevy Chase Elementary School. She is the sister of Ava and Sebastian, and the granddaughter of Carol & Benson Klein and Joseph & the late Sybil Fainberg.

Traveling Exhibit Comes to WHC:
Greek Jews in the National Resistance

We recently welcomed a new traveling exhibit at Temple, presented in partnership by the Jewish Museum of Greece and the Greek Secretariat General for Communication. “Synagonists” tells the story of Greek Jews in the National Resistance during World War II and is on display now through Tuesday, May 26 at Temple.

Nazi Germany invaded Greece in April 1941, occupying the country until the end of war in Europe in May 1945. During the occupation, the Holocaust claimed the lives of 82% of Greece’s prewar Jewish population. Of the Greek Jews who escaped Axis forces, 650 joined Greece’s resistance movements. One of the resistance fighters included in the

Shabbat Acknowledgements

April 24–25, 2015
Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat:
Priscilla & Alan H. Levine, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Reuben; Jennifer & Jeffrey Cohen, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jared; and Diana & Josh Oboler, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Zoe.

Contributing to the Carrie Simon Altar Flower Fund:
Cheryl Ann & Jason H. Levine, in honor of Reuben; Jennifer & Jeffrey Cohen, in honor of Jared; and Diana & Josh Oboler, in honor of Zoe.

May 1–2, 2015
Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat:
Kit & Jason Strauss-Reis, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Andy; and Carol & Benson Klein and Joseph Fainberg, in honor of the B’not Mitzvah of their granddaughters, Ava and Cecelia.

Contributing to the Carrie Simon Altar Flower Fund:
Kit & Jason Strauss-Reis, in honor of Andy; Lori Klein & Max Fainberg, in honor of Ava and Cecelia.

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Confirmation is the ceremony through which we recognize and celebrate the importance of continued Jewish education. It is traditionally linked to the festival of Shavuot when the first fruits were brought to be offered at the Temple. During their years of study, Washington Hebrew Congregation’s Confirmands have developed a stronger connection to the Jewish people, a greater understanding of a wide range of Jewish values, and have come to more fully appreciate the diversity of Jewish beliefs and practices. Washington Hebrew Congregation applauds the achievements of its Confirmands and invites the entire congregation to join us on Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 am at Temple for the confirmation of the following 42 young women and men:

Daniel Lewis Alpert
Jil Levick
Benjamin Alpert

Lauren S. Amsellem
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Payton Elysé Belisle
Alison and Rob Bassin

Samantha Busch
Cheryl Reibel Busch and Jeffrey Busch

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Meg and Samuel Flax

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Susan and Douglas Forman

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Melissa Friedman
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Nicki and Jeff Geifman

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Our 2015 Confirmation Class

Healing with the Twenty-third Psalm in WHC Books

Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, author of The Lord is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-third Psalm, has found that the simple, beautiful verses of the 23rd Psalm, full of honesty and optimism, have an almost magical power to comfort and calm.

WHC Books’ upcoming discussion of Rabbi Kushner’s work on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm at Temple—just two weeks before Shavuot—is a wonderful opportunity to explore these traditional lines and examine how they might give us direction in our daily lives. For this final WHC Books program before we part for summer break, cheese, crackers, and fruit will be served.

For more information or to borrow a copy of the book from our library, please contact Ellen Share, 301-354-3212 or eshare@whctemple.org.

Prime Timers to Tour Dumbarton Oaks

WHC Prime Timers will enjoy a 1 ½ hour private, guided tour of Dumbarton Oaks museum and gardens in Georgetown on Wednesday, May 6. Traveling on a chartered bus, the Prime Timers will leave Temple at 9:45 am and return by noon.

Named the sixth most beautiful garden in the world by National Geographic Society’s The 10 Best of Everything, Dumbarton Oaks should be filled with beautiful blooms when the Prime Timers visit.

The cost, which includes transportation and tour, is $5. Please reserve your place by sending a check payable to WHC Prime Timers to Sandra Grant, 4940 Sentinel Drive #202, Bethesda, MD 20816. For more information, please call 301-320-2832.
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**Lag B’Omer**

**Mother’s Day**
Amy Lustig to be Honored by Israel Bonds

Israel Bonds Women's Division will honor Amy Lustig for her commitment to Israel, Israel Bonds, and her ongoing work to strengthen the ties between WHC and the State of Israel with a dinner on **Thursday, April 30** at 6:30 pm at Temple.

There will be a special tribute to Amy highlighting her nearly 30 years of Israel engagement and community work. Also speaking at the dinner will be Regina Tapoohi, Esq., the wife of Israel Bonds President and CEO Izzy Tapoohi and an attorney who served in Israel's Justice Ministry working in the field of trans-border criminal law.

We hope you will join Israel Bonds Women's Division and WHC to honor Amy. Those attending the dinner are asked to purchase Israel bonds in Amy's honor, with a minimum investment of $100 per household. Bonds may be purchased for your own portfolio, as gifts, or as charitable donations to Yad B'Yad: The WHC Annual Fund. There is a $75 per person cover charge for the dinner (not tax deductible). Contact Adele Gravitz to RSVP, adele.gravitz@israelbonds.com or 240-479-7922.

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist to Address Prime Timers

Nick Kotz, award-winning journalist, author, historian — and WHC member, will discuss his latest book, *The Harness Maker's Dream: Nathan Kallison and the Rise of South Texas*, at the Prime Timers luncheon at Temple on **Monday, May 18** at 12:30 pm.

*The Harness Maker's Dream* is both a historical study and an ancestral narrative. It tells the story of his grandfather’s journey to the United States from the Ukraine and the upward mobility of his family from newcomers in a new land to influential, successful participants in American life.

To RSVP, please send a check payable to WHC Prime Timers ($12 for Prime Timers, $15 for all others) to Jo Ellen Fishman, 2614 Northhampton St. NW, Washington, DC 20015. For more information, please call 202-363-9264.