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Washington College Hillel House will host services on February 13

Members of Washington College Hillel have invited us to enjoy the warmth of mid-winter Friday Evening Services at Hillel House, at 7:30 pm on February 13th. We hope you'll be able to join us for services and for the oneg as well. Please remember that Hillel House has a kosher kitchen, so make sure that foods you bring for the oneg are kosher.

Hillel House is the white bungalow at 309 Washington Avenue, across Route 213/Washington Avenue from the campus lawn. If you’re driving south (toward the Chester River), the house is on the left, just before Brown Street. Turn left to park on Brown Street or to access a large college parking lot.

60 MINUTES exclusive

Tick tick: March 6 Purim show reveals Queen Esther’s identity

KENNEDYVILLE, MD — Ever since King Ahashuerus demoted Hamen and reversed the decree that all Jews would be killed on the 15th of Adar, everyone on the Delmarva Peninsula has been wondering what came over Ahashuerus. Now, at last, 60 MINUTES’ Elsberg & Schiff bring you the true story.

“Ahashuerus started acting strangely when he divorced Vashti and married Esther,” said segment writer Margie Elsberg and songwriter Gary Schiff. “As usual, this is a story about power and pillow talk.”

Tune in at 7:30 pm on March 6th, at the home of Cantor Gary Schiff, to watch Morley Safer’s report on the mysterious young beauty who transformed Ahashuerus and saved the Jews.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR HAVURAH DUES FOR 2015?

Many thanks to the more than 70 members who already have sent in their checks. If you haven’t had a chance to mail yours yet to our treasurer, Steve Wolin, this notice serves as a reminder. If you have any questions, please contact Havurah President Ronnie Edelman: ronnie.edelman@gmail.com
Upcoming events - Full 2015 Calendar - Mark your calendars now!

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- **Feb. 13 - 7:30 pm** - Shabbat Services with Washington College Hillel - Hillel House  
- **March 3 - TBA** - Heron Point Purim celebration (see item below)  
- **March 6 - 7:30 pm** - Purim Service & a new play: “60 MINUTES” - Home of Cantor Schiff  
- **March 8 - 10 am** - Board meeting - Home of Ronnie Edelman  
- **March 21 - TBA** - Movie Night - Hillel House  
- **April 6** - Passover Seder - Washington College  
- **May 15 - 7:30 pm** - Shabbat Services - Location TBA

Another Purim event: an invitation from Heron Point

Heron Point Chaplain Anne Ledbetter wants to offer Jewish residents—and anyone else who’s interested—a Purim celebration, so she’s invited Cantor Schiff and Havurah members to help make that happen. So in addition to the Havurah’s traditional service & play at Cantor Schiff’s home, Gary will read passages from the Megillah, the Book of Esther, and Ms. Ledbetter will supply noisemakers and hamentaschen on Tuesday, March 3 (the time hasn’t been set). If you’d like to participate, please let Ronnie Edelman know, and we’ll keep you posted on the time and place: ronnie.edelman@gmail.com

Our Passover Seder needs a co-chair

How about you?

Year after year, the same Havurah volunteers organize the Havurah-Hillel Passover Seder at Washington College, and we hope someone “new” will help out this year. Chuck Lerner, the Havurah’s Hillel liaison, will work with you to coordinate dinner plans with the college.

This year’s seder will be on April 6th and it’s always popular event. The attendees will be enormously appreciative of your efforts. Please call Margie Elsberg to talk about being our 2015 Seder co-chair. 410-810-1445 or maelsberg@aol.com

Temple B’ni Israel is planning a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

Rabbi Peter Hyman of Temple B’ni Israel is starting to organize an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class at the synagogue in Easton. Participants will study Shabbat service liturgy, the meaning and themes of the prayers Jews recite weekly and daily, and they will focus on how the language of sacred texts help communicate the implicit and explicit messages of Torah and the siddur. While bar/bat mitzvah candidates will learn and ultimately read Torah on the bimah, the class also is open to those who are simply interested in the subjects but who don’t want to be bar/bat mitzvah candidates. For more information, contact Nancy at the B’ni Israel office: 410-822-0553.