



jewish cultural evening

january 30th, sunday, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

in the program:

friends and stories project

presentation of the social integration and community development association
and its friends and stories project

jewish optimism

by rabbi seth phillips, lcdr, jewish chaplain, us naval academy

jewish story

sharing a jewish tale by storyteller jennifer rudick zunikoff

jewish music & dance

live klezmer music by 'the atonement' (also throughout the evening)
& israeli dance by catherine davidson and ethan halpern

jewish poetry

poems by michael glaser introduced and read by the author

judaica books

presentation of the annapolis bookstore its judaica shelf, books and authors

jewish values and traditions in literature and art

book signing & art exhibition

presentations and book signing: isaac benatar and rabbi dr. moshe pinchas weisblum
exhibition (downstairs) of paintings & prints by jewish painter sarah havah theebaum

also in the program: tasting of kosher cookies from 7 mile market and trader joe's

the annapolis bookstore, 35 maryland avenue

number of seats is limited | please arrive early to secure a seat

Friends and Stories Project has originated from within Social Integration and Community Development Association, with its primary goal to unite (befriend) people around meaningful ideas presented in stories told by art, literature, by whole culture of a community. It promotes intercultural understanding and mutual enrichment of cultures in the name of common, universal human values.



Sankofa symbol is similar to the eastern symbol of a heart, and is that of a bird with its head turned backwards taking an egg off its back. It symbolizes one taking from the past what is good and bringing it into the present in order to make positive progress through the benevolent use of knowledge.

FROM THE PROGRAM:

Lieutenant Commander Seth D. Phillips grew up in Richmond, Virginia. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Penn State in 1973 and rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College in 1979. Rabbi Phillips has served civilian congregations in Ohio, Australia, and Florida. Commissioned as a Lieutenant in July 1992, he has been assigned to Camp Smedley D Butler, Okinawa, Japan, Destroyer Squadron Two, and the historic Commodore Levy Chapel on Naval Station Norfolk. In 2005 & 2006, he made 3 trips to Iraq in support of II MEF, spending a total of 4 months in country. He arrived at the Naval Academy in June 2009.

Michael S. Glaser is a Professor Emeritus at St. Mary's College of Maryland where he served as both a professor and an administrator for nearly 40 years. He is a recipient of the Homer Dodge Endowed Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Columbia Merit Award from the Poetry Committee of the Greater Washington, D.C. area for his service to poetry. Widely sought as a speaker and workshop leader, he has served as a Maryland State Arts Council poet-in-the-schools for over 20 years and is active with the Maryland Humanities Council's Speaker's Bureau. He served as Poet Laureate of Maryland from 2004 to 2009.

When storyteller **Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff** performs, biblical figures speak, rabbinic Midrash leaps off the pages of the Talmud, and Judaism's rich folklore dances to life. And Jennifer's contemporary stories challenge her listeners to respond to the issues confronting the Jewish community today. She uses storytelling as an educational tool to inspire children and adults to explore Judaism and their spirituality. Jennifer is a storyteller, teacher, and coach based in Baltimore, Maryland. Jennifer coaches students, teachers, school principals, and librarians, teaching them to use their intuition to turn their mental images into powerful stories. She uses her training as a certified InterPlay teacher to help her students trust in the story they are meant to tell.

The Atonement is a Klezmer music group, created by Bobby B and the Dustbuster (aka Tom Puwalski). Tom is a professional clarinetist and wind synthesist, also an author of "The Clarinetists Guide to Klezmer", also former solo clarinetist with the U.S. Army Field Band. Their Audio CD can be purchased this Sunday at the Bookstore.

Catherine Davidson is a Dance/Movement Therapist who promotes community connection and expression through the arts. **Ethan Halpern** is an Israeli Dance instructor teaching in the Washington Metro Area.

Dr. Moshe Pinchas Weisblum is a scholar, a rabbi and social leader. Born and grew up in Israel, was a volunteer for the elite paratrooper unit in the Israeli Defense Forces and he finished his army career as a commissioned officer, with the rank of Major. He is an author of many books, including: 'Table Talk: Biblical Questions and Answers', 'Ruth Talk', 'The Hermeneutics of Medieval Jewish Thought: Understanding the Linguistic Codes of Rashi and Nachmanides'. He serves also as a consultant to the media as commentator on social and political issues. He holds a doctorate in philosophy from Baltimore Hebrew University. His books can be purchased this Sunday at the Bookstore and signed by the author.

Isaac Benatar LL.B. was born in Zimbabwe in 1943. He is a law graduate of the University of London and worked as a public prosecutor in Rhodesia from 1970 to 1980. He immigrated to the United States in 1980 and is the author of several books ('The Four Faces', 'The Song of Africa', 'The Nostradamus Prophecy'). His latest book, 'Rhodes and the Holocaust' is the story of "La Juderia," the Jewish community that once lived and flourished on Rhodes Island, the largest of the twelve Dodecanese islands in the Mediterranean Sea near the coast of Turkey. His books can be purchased this Sunday at the Bookstore and signed by the author.

Sarah Havah Theebaum is a Jewish painter, poet and a historian of ideas. She presents meanings of symbols, artistic metaphors and inner insights to directly contact the viewer. She reached for abstract and symbolic painting to lead up into the quiet mountains of reflection and experience of Life. She strives to encourage the viewer to make deeper and joyfully dynamic encounters with her imaginary worlds of unusual forms and colors. Some of her art is exhibited downstairs. Sarah Havah's art available for purchase this Sunday (small exhibition downstairs) in a limited, signed edition of quality prints.



Social Integration and Community Development Association is a non-profit organization with mission to promote social development to improve quality of life of people belonging to local communities and to promote sustainable human development in the areas of health, education, social integration, social culture and social competence.

Discover a treasure at **The Annapolis Bookstore**. 'Inspired by Ray Oldenburg's philosophy of the "third place," Mary and Janice wanted their bookstore to serve as a communal space—a sphere beyond the private home ("the first place") and the formal workplace ("the second place"). "We wanted to evoke a sort of community life that people long for, that has the quality one might expect from an earlier era, when communities were more local," Janice said.' *from: 'A Place for Stories: The Annapolis Bookstore' by Julie Wan, The Curator (July 2, 2010)*