

## **HOLOCAUST CANTATA - A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**

Three years ago I attended a performance of the Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps, presented in Temple Beth El in South Bend, Indiana, by the Vesper Chorale of Musical Arts Indiana, conducted by Dr. Wishart Bell. Recently I was given the opportunity of inviting this wonderful chorale here to present this great work, not only as part of our Simple Gifts Concert Series, but also as a reflection of our support of interfaith relations in our community. So under the co-sponsorship of Am Yisrael Congregation, Temple Jeremiah, and Glenview Community Church, the Vesper Chorale will perform the Holocaust Cantata its first time in the Chicago area, at Temple Jeremiah at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19th.

The Holocaust Cantata was composed by Donald McCullough from music written by inmates of the Nazi concentration camps, and subsequently stored in the archives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Mr. McCullough undertook the enormous task first of sifting through a mountain of written material about camp life, especially where described with music, and then working with a translator and lyricist to develop a work that would be sung in English while remaining faithful to the original text. Strikingly, the songs in the cantata are interspersed with readings of letters and accounts, and even poetry from the camps.

The Vesper Chorale has performed the Cantata in various venues, including on PBS-TV station WNIT in South Bend, in remembrance of Krystallnacht or the Night of Broken Glass that occurred on November 9, 1938, when the Nazis coordinated an attack on Jewish people in Germany and German-controlled lands, which heralded the Holocaust. This performance of the cantata will be on the 70th anniversary of the beginning

of the Final Solution, the genocide directed at Europe's Jews by Nazi Germany.

Performance of the Cantata here will be preceded by a short presentation by Ms. Magda Brown, a Holocaust survivor. Her story of tragedy and hope, which has been told to countless audiences over the years, is truly remarkable.

Understandably, the Holocaust Cantata evokes a wide range of emotion that directs us towards a greater appreciation of diabolical humankind on the one hand and of spiritual resistance on the other. It beckons us to be constantly aware of the forces that make genocide possible. And most especially it invites us to never forget the millions of innocent Jewish men, women and children who were annihilated in the Holocaust.

Yours in Christ,

Doug

P.S.

Our interfaith Holocaust Cantata committee, chaired by Beryl Bills, anticipates that the 600 tickets for the cantata will sell quickly, especially given the sizes of our congregations and the interest of synagogues and churches in our area in this work. Tickets are being sold in advance, in our Mayflower Room after Sunday 10:00 a.m. worship and by calling 1-877-323-8801. Ticket cost is \$20 (\$15 for seniors and students).



## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

## **JANUARY 29, 2012**

**8:00 a.m.** A Time for Reflection

**10:00 a.m.** Community Worship

#### **Scripture:**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28

#### Sermon:

"Divine Authority" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

## **FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

### COMMUNION BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

**8:00 a.m.** A Time for Reflection

**10:00 a.m.** *Community Worship* 

#### **Scripture:**

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Isaiah 40:21-31

#### Sermon:

"Time Out...For Rest" Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

## **FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

**8:00 a.m.** A Time for Reflection

**10:00 a.m.** Community Worship

Scripture: Psalm 30

Psalm 30 Mark 1:40-45

### Sermon:

"Divine Healing" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

## SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Congregational Surveys asking for input into the posting of the GCC Senior Minister position will be mailed the week of January 22 to all members! LOOK FOR THE **MAILING AND RESPOND AS SOON AS** POSSIBLE. The Search Committee is looking for vital input from our congregation as we finalize our Church Profile and posting of our Senior Minister position. For convenience, the survey will be emailed to those members for whom we have current emails, those receiving the survey link via email will be able to simply log on and complete the survey online. For those members for whom we do not have email addresses, you will receive the survey by postal mail and can fill out the survey and return it either by mail or in person to the church office. On Sundays January 29, February 5 and February 12, the Search Committee will be available at the coffee hours after church to collect surveys or provide you with the opportunity to fill out the surveys online. We look forward to a huge response from you and hope that we will hear from you quickly so that we can complete the UCC request for our updated Church Profile which will include our Senior Minister job description.

Thank you all,

The Senior Minister Search Committee Tom Aldrich, Mike Lauesen, Steve Brown, Michael McGuire, Kara Clark, Pam Reidy Ed Detwiler, Brad Smith, Jane Hund, Sally Thuresson, Chair

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASSES

Want to find out more about GCC and how to become a member? There will be a two-session class on Sunday afternoon, February 26 and March 4 from 3-5 p.m. Our new members will have a special invitation to attend the St. Patrick's Potluck Supper on March 4 after our last class and then may join the church formally on Sunday, March 11 at the 10:00 Community Worship service. Childcare will be provided for the two sessions if a reservation is made ahead of time. Please tell one of the ministers or call the church office if you would like more information or are interested in attending.

## AT-LARGE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The Leadership Committee will begin considering nominations for At-Large Members to the Executive Board for the 2012-2013 church year. These members serve a two year term on the Executive Board. In addition At-Large Members serve on the Planning Committee and either the Leadership Committee or the Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee (PMRC). For a description of this position's responsibilities as well as a description of the committees mentioned above, please refer to the GCC Constitution and By-Laws which can be accessed on the GCC website www.GCCUCC.org under the Resources tab or in the Church Office. If you are interested in being considered for this position or want to recommend someone else, please contact David Aki at dave 254 (a) comcast.net or at (847)657-0139 for further information.

## JOIN US FOR A FIRST EVER GCC CHILI COOK OFF!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 6:00 PM, MAYFLOWER RM

It will be a fun evening of food and fellowship where attendees will be able to taste and then vote for their favorite chili. In addition to fantastic chili, there will also be salad, corn bread, dessert, drinks, buttered noodles for the younger set, and entertainment provided by talented PYF youth! Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour on all Sundays in January and will also be available at the door on the night of the event. Do you think you have the best chili recipe this side of the Mason-Dixon line? Then be one of the chili cooks vying for the hearts and stomachs of GCC members by signing up to compete. For more details, contact Mark Sawires msawires@sbcglobal.net or Brian Grad hedgehog61@comcast.net. This is a fundraiser for the PYF summer mission trip and is sponsored jointly by the Youth and Confirmation and Fellowship Boards.

#### Hope to see you there!



## COMMON GROUND IN GLENVIEW

Friday, January 27

THREE GREAT MOMENTS IN BUDDHISM

Jim Kenney's presentation of Three Great Moments in Buddhism will be in the Founder's Room on Friday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. Jim will have us meeting Nagarjuna, the 2nd and 3rd century philosopher who shaped the Buddhist teachings of emptiness and interdependence. He will also sketch the emergence of the Ch'an (Zen) school, the path of meditation, and its connection to Chinese Taoism. Finally, he will examine the Pure Land school that gave rise to the most widespread form of Buddhism practiced today - faith in Amida Buddha as the savior. Come & expand your religious understanding of the world's faiths. A \$10 donation will be accepted, but first time attendees to a Common Ground program will be welcomed free of charge.

## **COOKIE DAY**

**FEBRUARY 12** 

This is our 13th year for baking or bringing cookies for the Night Ministry! Please bring your cookies to the kitchen by Sunday, February 12. Plainly mark them Night Ministry.

The Night Ministry is a very worthy agency that GCC helps to support. In addition to providing shelters for teen-agers, they have a bus out on the streets 6 nights a week to serve homeless people. They come into the bus for warmth, counseling, HIV testing, to visit with a nurse and are always given a hot beverage. As they leave the bus, they are given a package of 3 cookies, cookies show love - and for some it might be their only food for the next day.

Our cookie gifts mean a great deal to the people who receive them. Our church members provide the cookies and the PYF and 678 Club package them and deliver them to the Night Ministry office. This is truly an All church hands-on mission project.

You can never bake for a more worthy cause. Home-made are always greatly appreciated, but if you buy cookies, OREOS are preferred.

Questions: call Elizabeth Ciccolini at church (847)724-2210 ext. 233

Thanks, Dori

## COMMON GROUND IN DEERFIELD

Thursday, February 16, 2012 7:00-9:00 PM

### **HOP Israel/Palestine Trip Presentation**

Hands of Peace, a local non-profit that brings together American, Israeli and Palestinian teenagers for dialogue and learning together about peace, recently sponsored a dual-narrative trip to Israel/Palestine.

This is a presentation of a unique and powerful journey which took the 36 participants to many places throughout both Israel and the West Bank accompanied by both an Israeli and a Palestinian tour guide.

Free will donations to Common Ground will be gratefully accepted! For further information, please contact Laura Bernstein at (847)443-4529.

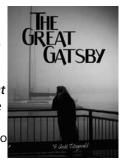
Common Ground, 815 Rosemary Terrace, Deerfield, IL.

## THE GREAT GATSBY

**2012 GREAT BOOKS OF WINTER** 

### February 1 & 8

Brimming with cocktails and conversation, romance and roses, F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece, *The Great Gatsby*, is certainly the great tale of the 1920s "Jazz Age." But it is also a fooler: Though its



plot, setting, and character quickly absorb readers, its imagery is often elusive and its themes are dipped in darkness.

On two successive Wednesday evenings, February 1 and 8, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Founders Room, GCC's "2012 Great Books of Winter" series—sponsored by the Board of Adult Education and led by veteran teacher Allan Ruter—will gather readers for camaraderie and discussion of the book that, more than any other, is labeled "The Great American Novel."

Mention "GCC Book Club" at the Book Bin, 1151 Church Street, Northbrook, and you can purchase Gatsby at a 20% discount. For more information, visit <a href="www.gccucc.org">www.gccucc.org</a> or contact Allan at <a href="mailto:aruter@comcast.net">aruter@comcast.net</a>.

# WHAT IS HOLOCAUST CANTATA: SONGS FROM THE CAMPS?

Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps, is being performed on the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the implementation of the Final Solution, the genocide directed against European Jewry by Nazi Germany, as a reminder to be ever aware of the evil potential in humankind and to be ever aware of humankind's potential to resist this evil. By February 1942, mass murder, which had been fragmentary and sporadic, was carefully planned to be total and efficient. The systematic and rationalized annihilation of millions of innocent Jewish men, women and children was on the road to realization. Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps, was composed to ensure that the victims of this diabolical plan would not be forgotten. The music, which emerged from concentration camps, demonstrates their spiritual resistance and reminds us of their voices crying out to be heard and remembered and summoning us to resist and combat those forces that make genocide possible. On Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 4:00 PM the Musical Arts Indiana Vesper Chorale of South Bend, Indiana, under the direction of Dr. Wishart Bell will present Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps at Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, IL. In addition, Ms. Magda Brown, a Holocaust survivor will share her experiences. For information call Beryl Bills 1-847-724-1694. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$15 for children and seniors. Tickets will be available in the Mayflower Room following the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

January, 29, 2012, 8:50 A.M.

Introduction to Islam. Islam is one of the three great mono-theistic religions and also one of the three, along with Judaism and Christianity, which came from the Middle East. Join Dr. Doug Busby for a fascinating look into one of the world's fastest growing faiths—and a religion which shares many similarities with its older Christian counterpart.



Throughout the month of January, Sunday school students are collecting inexpensive, new toys and five dollar gift cards to fill the treasure chest in Room 201. Our collection will be turned over to the The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. This organization fills large vessels with such treasures in cancer treatment centers. Nearly 8,000 of the 40,000 children in the US who receive treatment delight in choosing a gift after each sometimes painful visit. Since its inception 14 years ago, the foundation has set up shop in 41 locations. There are many children and sites yet to serve. Encourage your children to consider donating a holiday gift they received that they cannot use. Teenagers appreciate gift cards to Target, Walmart, Best Buy, and McDonalds. Thanks for your support.

### **678 CLUB**

The next 678 Club will meet on Sunday, February 12. We will be bagging cookies for the Night Ministry. Thanks for all who helped with the blankets for our last service/ mission project.

## **678 PARENT GROUP**

The next 678 Parent Discussion Group will be on January 29 from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. All parents of middle school teens are invited to attend and talk about various topics of the day.

## CONFIRMATION

Regular opening and class during the month of January. 8th graders – please email Rev. Keckler your height and weight so that confirmation gowns can be ordered.

## **PYF WINTER FUN**

SUNDAYS, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

### **JANUARY 29**

We will be helping with the Glenview Community Church Great Chili Cook Off. Money raised at this event will be donated to the Mission Trip. Watch for more details at coffee hour, bulletin and Broadcaster to enter and watch for more details for help needed via email.

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**BROADCASTER DEADLINES & GUIDELINES**Articles to be submitted by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday one week prior to publication dates to Tania McCarthy <u>tania.mccar-thy@gccucc.org.</u>

Keep articles brief to 80 words - no all caps - no centering. Your article will run two consecutive issues.

## **AT A GLANCE**

THUR		
1/26	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Basketball Practice, Gym
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm & Sanctuary
FRI		
1/27	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	GCC Historical Project, Parlor
	1:30 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	Common Ground, Founders Rm
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT		
1/28	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	CSA 156 Pinewood Derby, Mayflower Rm & Founders Rm
SUN		
1/29	8:00 AM	Reflective Worship Service, Transept
	8:50 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School Classes, Various Rms
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm

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#### **Sunday Continued**

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	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	6:00 PM	GCC Chili Cook-Off, Mayflower Rm
MON		
1/30	1:30 PM	Pickleball, Gym
TUES		
1/31	6:30 PM	Sing to Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
WED		
2/1	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	1:30 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	6:30 PM	BSA 156 Mtg., Gym
	7:00 PM	Great Books by Allen Ruter, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym

## PASTORAL CARE

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Nancy Klinka who died on January 16, 2012. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 4 in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Mayflower Room.