



Beth Chai Auction 2010

Welcome to the 2010 Beth Chai auction. We hope that everyone finds something of interest to bid on, especially among the community-building “Beth Chai Gatherings” donations.

The auction will start at 10 AM on Sunday, April 18th at Burning Tree Elementary School, 7900 Beech Tree Road in Bethesda, Maryland. Be sure to bring your calendar and your checkbook. (We can’t accept credit cards.)

Following last year’s format, bidding on silent auction items closes in two parts, at 11:15 and 11:30 AM, and the live auction conducted by Rabbi Blecher gets started at 11:35 AM. The “Buy It Now” table, featuring jewelry, games, toys and artwork for \$20 and less, is sure to entice some of the younger set.

To enhance the bidding and buying activities, the Beth Chai Café will offer drinks and baked goods and on stage will be live jazz and funk music, both before and after the live auction.

Checkout happens between 12:00 and 1:00. Some tickets and certificates may not be available for pick up at the auction, but they will be mailed to successful bidders in the following week.

Enjoy!

A Special Thank You to all the donors and the volunteers who made the 2010 Beth Chai auction possible!

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Beth Chai Gathering Schedule

Date	Gathering	Bidding
May 16	Sing-a-long	Adults and Children Bid on Separate Sheets
June 27	Mad Hatters Tea Party	Each Individual Bids
July 10	Survey of Gin	Each Individual Bids
July 24	Board Games	Each Individual Bids
July or August TBD	Mahjong Night	Each Individual Bids
August 28	Disappearance in DC	Each Individual Bids
September 25	Cucina Ebraica	Each Individual Bids
October 2	Geocache	Each Individual Bids
December TBD	Hannukah with the Vigdors	Each Family Bids
TBD	Birthday Party for Special Girl	Each Family Bids
TBD	Beth Chai Family Bruch	Each Family Bids
TBD	Organic Farm Tour	Adults Only Bid
TBD	Schneerpino Italian Seafood Dinner	Each Individual Bids
TBD	Schneerpino/Duke Pool Party	Each Family Bids

Live Auction

1 Organizing Help

When was the last time you really knew what was in the back of your coat closet? Does your kitchen cabinet have spices dating back to 1973? Does your basement have the "I'll get to it one day" pile? Just in time for spring cleaning, Beth Chai member Beth Burchard will spend 2 hours helping you clean and organize the room of your choice. Don't miss this opportunity!

Donor: Beth Burchard

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

2 Tennis Lessons

Get off the couch, put down the remote and pick up your racket! Two hours of indoor tennis court time and instruction this winter with Beth Chai tennis enthusiast, Eron Sodie. Great for beginning, intermediate or advanced players. Never played? Pick up a great hobby. Equipment provided if needed.

Donor: Eron Sodie

Minimum Bid: \$60.00

3 House Painter

Is it time to touch up your This Old House and turn it into House Beautiful? Sue Silverstein is a professional house painting contractor. You choose the colors and pick the rooms. She'll lovingly paint two bedrooms, a family room or a living room or the equivalent.

Donor: Sue Silverstein

Minimum Bid: \$250.00

4 Vermont Vacation or Bust

Enjoy sunsets over the Adirondack Mountains in this desirable vacation spot in South Hero, Vermont. This two bedroom house on Lake Champlain sleeps six. The house sits on five acres and is two miles from the beach. Mutually convenient date to be arranged by donor and bidder.

Donor: Tom Israel & Leigh Dingerson

Minimum Bid: \$350.00

5 A Musical Night with a Jazz / Funk Trio

Are you having a party and need more than just a playlist from your mp3 player? Your bash will be the talk of the town if you bid on and win this unique opportunity to have Beth Chai's Howie Feinstein & Alan Feldenkris perform with their new jazz / funk trio at your event.

They'll provide three sets of about an hour each, with breaks on the hour.

Donor: Howie Feinstein

Minimum Bid: \$100.00

6 Dessert of the Month Club

The winner of this delicious offering receives a home-baked dessert baked by one of Beth Chai's wonderful bakers (including Elise Browne-Hughes, Ela Koniuszkow, Hali London, Susan Lubman-Edwards, Karen Martin, Elizabeth Mumford, Kate Taylor, & Julie Vigdor). The deliveries will start in April 2010 and continue through March 2011 (excluding June, July, & August). So that's nine months of yummy treats, all to be delivered to Burning Tree Elementary on a mutually agreed upon Sunday each month. The winner needs to contact Julie Vigdor to get started.

Donor: Billy Vigdor & Julie Vigdor

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

7 Dinner for Two - Lebanese Taverna, Bethesda Location Only

Lebanese Taverna of Bethesda: a Dinner for 2 certificate to our Bethesda restaurant.

Donor: Lebanese Taverna of Bethesda

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

8 A Fabulous Family Vacation in Orlando, Florida

If you are a parent or grandparent, you know the allure of Walt Disney World. Or maybe Sea World or Universal Studios is more to your family's liking?

Take a chance and bid on an off-season week long rental of a two bedroom timeshare at the Hilton Grand Vacation Club International Drive Resort.

Your suite will feature a fully equipped kitchen, whirlpool jet tub in the master bath, washer and dryer, as well as cable TV and a DVD player, and in room movies. Situated on 34 acres at the southwest corner of International Drive and is adjacent to the Orlando Premium Outlet Mall.

The HGVClub on International Drive is designed with a Mediterranean theme reminiscent of an Italian village in Tuscany. The resort grounds feature lush landscaping with gardens and a lakefront promenade. HGV Club recreational amenities include a fitness center, supervised kids' club, a sports court, and elaborate water features that include fountains, swimming pools, and whirlpool spas. A pool bar and deli complete the distinctive appeal of this resort in the heart of Orlando.

The winner of this fabulous trip must plan their vacation date before the end of 2010. Please contact Beth Chai members Tracy and Brandon Hemel to book the timeshare.

Donor: Brandon Hemel & Tracy Hemel

Minimum Bid: \$450.00

Silent Items

Beth Chai Gatherings

1 Geocaching Trip

Discover hidden treasure in the D.C. area! Geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing) is a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. A geocacher can place a geocache anywhere in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology, and then share the geocache's existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS unit can then try to locate the geocache. There are over 700,000 active geocaches around the world and hundreds in the D.C. area. We will find as many different types of caches as we can in the time we have. For more information, go to: www.geocaching.com. A few GPS units will be available to share; if you have a GPS, bring it with you. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Date: October 2, 2010. Top 8 bidders.

Donor: Tom Edwards & Susan Lubman-Edwards

Minimum Bid: \$16.00

2 Sing-along Blowout-Adult signup

Do you sing in the shower? In the car? When's the last time you sat around the campfire and belted out some good tunes? If you like to sing (whether it's pleasing to the ear or not), then this is the gathering for you! Reed and Betsy Dewey are hosting a sing-along in their Chevy Chase home after Sunday School May 16. Reed plays guitar and has led hundreds of sing-alongs. Chances are, if you name it, he can play it! Bob Finkelstein and Neal Brown, fellow guitar-playing song enthusiasts, will join us. This event will follow the end of the school year picnic and include snacks and drinks. We provide some simple percussion instruments and songbooks (enough to share). If you play an instrument, please bring it -- the more, the merrier! No experience necessary. Each adult should sign up.

Donor: Reed Dewey & Betsy Reinstein

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

3 Sing-along Blowout-Kids signup

Do you sing in the shower? In the car? When's the last time you sat around the campfire and belted out some good tunes? If you like to sing (whether it's pleasing to the ear or not), then this is the gathering for you! Reed and Betsy Dewey are hosting a sing-along in their Chevy Chase home after Sunday School May 16. Reed plays guitar and has led hundreds of sing-alongs. Chances are, if you name it, he can play it! Bob Finkelstein and Neal Brown, fellow guitar-playing song enthusiasts, will join us. This event will follow the end of the school year picnic and include snacks and drinks. We provide some simple percussion instruments and songbooks (enough to share.) If you play an instrument, please bring it -- the more, the merrier! No experience necessary. Each adult should sign up.

Donor: Reed Dewey & Betsy Reinstein

Minimum Bid: \$5.00

4 Organic Farm Tour

Query Mill Hill Farm is a 1½ acre sustainable garden that has provided fresh food for two farmers markets, Rockville and Potomac, for 15 years. The land has been farmed organically for 30 years. Mark Israel and Judith Lesser, the owners, are among the founding members of the Montgomery County Farm Market Association, sponsored by Montgomery County. Judith is a former president of MCFMA and Mark is currently secretary. Mark Israel is a lecturer for the University of Maryland and has provided farm tours and seminars for farmers from Turkey and Kazakhstan. The land is farmed intensively and the yield is very high. American heirloom and the best European and Asian varieties are emphasized. The farm tour / seminar will focus on the organic practices and the intensive farming procedures. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

Bid for each adult. Accompanying children free.

Donor: Mark Israel & Judith Lesser

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

5 Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Tea Party with Chelle Parsky, served by Butler Keith, Sunday evening June 27, 4:00 PM. Dainty sandwiches and doilies. Continuous Tea and scone service. Top 8 individual bidders.

"Ladies Only"

Donor: Parsky Family

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

6 Pool party with Homemade Pizza (date TBD)

Join Matt, Sara, Sylvia and Sasha in their backyard for a family pool party. Make-a-Wish gave Sylvia an above-ground pool (4 feet deep and big enough for adults to get thoroughly soaked) which she likes to share. Up to 2 families are invited to join us for a swim followed by a dinner of homemade pizza. Sasha prefers mozzarella with sausage, while Sara prefers pesto pizza made with Parmesan Reggiano. Sara is flexible and you will have input on your favorite toppings and combinations. We can deal with a range of dietary restrictions.

Donor: Matthew Schneer & Sara Duke

Minimum Bid: \$24.00

7 Schneerpino (date TBD)

You've heard of the Italian seafood soup, Cippino. Now come to Takoma Park to taste the delights of Matt's interpretation, Schneerpino. While this is intended as an adult dinner, Sasha has made it clear that he will be dining with us (and then ducking out to indulge in movie-watching - read: getting out of the way). Our au pair will see that Sylvia is occupied. Seafood loving children will not be turned away from this event, as long as they are willing to follow Sasha down the stairs. Up to 6 people may attend.

Donor: Matthew Schneer & Sara Duke

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

8 Hannukah with the Vigdors

A Hannukah feast for up to six guests with the Vigdors at their home in Northwest DC on a mutually agreeable night in December. The Vigdors will prepare the dinner - Michael's specialty is potato pancakes, Kyla's specialty is homemade applesauce, Julie's specialty is roasted chicken, and Billy's specialty is. . .well, we'll find out! Then after dinner we'll break out the dreidels and gelt.

Donor: Billy Vigdor & Julie Vigdor

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

9 A Birthday Party for your Special Girl

Does your little girl have a birthday party coming up? Lisa, Claire, and Isabel Sanfuentes we will come to your house, or other location of your choice, and give your daughter a party complete with manicures, dancing, games, a craft and homemade cake or cupcakes. Date of party on mutually agreeable time. We are also flexible on activities, if there is something particular that your daughter would enjoy. Up to 12 girls, age 4-7.

Donor: Lisa Sanfuentes

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

10 Mahjong Night

Join the Ross-Amante household for one of the most traditional of all Jewish pastimes - MAHJONG.

The top three winning bids (bidder and guest) will get together on a mutually agreed upon Saturday night in July or August for an eventful game night with snacks and drinks.

Donor: Marjory Ross

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

11 "Disappearance in DC" Mystery Dinner

Join Aaron and Yevgeniya and fellow Beth Chai members (up to 6 people, not counting the hosts) for yet another exciting evening of dinner and intrigue. This year, we will be staying closer to home with our mystery, as we try to unravel a "Disappearance in DC," the case of a vital document that was stolen from right under the President's nose.

So bring your friends, bring your detective talents, bring your dress-up clothes if you would like, and help us locate the document and bring the criminal to justice on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 5 pm, at Yevgeniya's parents' house in North Potomac.

Dinner will be provided.

Donor: Yevgeniya Nusinovich

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

12 Board Games - Not Just for Kids Anymore!

The past decade or so has seen an explosion of games coming from Europe aimed at adults with strategic play far beyond the mostly luck-based games that we see from Hasbro and the like. Game publishers such as Rio Grande are bringing some amazing, thought-provoking games to our shores. Spend a day at the home of Daniel Korn and Rachel Silber in Potomac, MD on Saturday, July 24th. We'll provide snacks, drinks, a pizza dinner, and up to 3 tables of board gaming from 3pm until the wee hours of the night. No experience necessary! Top 12 bidders

Donor: Daniel Korn and Rachel Silber

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

13 NOT JUST MARTINIS: A Survey of Gin!

From its roots as a 17th Century Dutch medicinal draught, "Mother's Milk" quickly became a staple of the cocktail bar. By 1730, London distillers were crafting about 14 gallons per adult male per year!

Our drinking tour will start with jenever, the malty Dutch spirit that the English were attempting to emulate. Then it's on to the traditional English styles, Old Tom, London Dry, and Plymouth. We'll finish with a look to the future with American New Western gin. Along the way, we'll make appropriate cocktails for each style, such as the Holland House, Martinez, and Hanky Panky, and explore the beauty that is fresh vermouth.

As usual, this will be an evening of education, entertainment, drinks, snacks, and fabulous conversation at the home of Daniel Korn and Rachel Silber in Potomac, MD on Saturday, July 10th. Returning again is special guest speaker Jake Parrott of Ledroit Brands, LLC.

Top 8 bidders.

Donor: Daniel Korn & Rachel Silber

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

14 Cucina Ebraica

We're guessing it's unlikely that Jewish food and Italian food are linked in many people's minds. But there is a long tradition of "cucina Ebraica"--Italian Jewish cuisine--and Ken Jacobson and Mary Ellen Petrisko are offering to introduce it to you at a dinner to be held at their home on September 25th. A maximum of four places is available, and the feast will be non-vegetarian. Ken and Mary Ellen will share a little bit of history on Italian Jewish cuisine as well as a recipe or two.

Donor: Kenneth Jacobson & Mary Ellen Petrisko

Minimum Bid: \$24.00

15 Beth Chai Family Brunch

The top two bidders will join the Gravitz/Marks family for Brunch on a mutually agreed upon date on a Sunday after Sunday School.

Each Family Bids.

Donor: Tracey Marks & Michael Gravitz

Minimum Bid: \$24.00

Jewelry

16 Fused glass pendant with sterling chain

Donor: Jerilyn Schweitzer

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

17 Fused glass pendant with suede cord

Donor: Jerilyn Schweitzer

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

18 Fused glass pendant on silken cord

Donor: Jerilyn Schweitzer

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

19 Handmade Glass beaded Necklace

Elsie Heyrman Klumpner will custom design a glass beaded necklace for you. Just tell her your color scheme and she will create a one of a kind original just for you.

Donor: Elise Heyrman Klumpner

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

Children's Items

20 Tomie dePaola's Book of Old Testament Stories

In this 128-page anthology of 37 Bible stories and prayers, dePaola wisely works from the New International Version, the contemporary translation of the Bible, to make these tales accessible to young readers. Jonah in the whale, Noah and his animal pairs headed for the ark, Moses with the burning bush: all are presented in an appealing style, with well-integrated details that enrich the telling. Those who already love dePaola and his trademark characters will be predisposed to appreciate this comprehensive collection.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$6.00

21 God's Paintbrush

Preschool - Grade 3 -- A first-person narration supplies observations about God and personal feelings about life in one- or two-page vignettes; questions appear in italics, asking readers how they feel about these observations, and about their experiences with God. Soft, detailed watercolor pictures realistically portray the situation described, mirroring the concept of God's paintbrush. They show people of various ethnic backgrounds and ages in a variety of situations, from a best friend moving away to the wind blowing through one's hair. Many of the pictures appear as double-page spreads, integrating two different experiences. The ideas and emotions presented are not organized in any apparent way, but are more stream-of-consciousness. The book is overwhelming in the sheer number of situations described, feelings explored, and questions posed. It is hard to imagine reading it in its entirety to a child or to a group in one sitting, though perhaps it would be useful in religious classes. The queries are interesting, and in some cases, unusual; the concepts relate to God more as a spiritual being than a religious one, and attempt to personalize children's ideas of Him.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$8.00

22 You Never Know: A Legend of the Lamed-vavniks.

Jewish tradition inspires this original tale about Schmuel the shoemaker, called Poor Stupid Schmuel by the townsfolk of Plotchnik because of his habit of forgetting to charge his customers. When a 40-day (and 40-night) drought threatens the town, the rabbi and other worthies pray for rain, but only when Schmuel prays does rain indeed fall. The rain continues for another 40 days and nights; once again, only Schmuel's prayers restore balance. A dream shows the rabbi that Schmuel is one of the 36 righteous men who, according to legend, are born to every generation (lamed-vav is Hebrew for 36). But when the townspeople go to Schmuel's shop, he has disappeared: a Lamed-vavnik's identity must remain secret. Ages 5-up.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

23 Great Bible Stories: Joseph in Egypt by Maxine Nodel

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$3.00

24 Daniel in the Lions' Den: A Bible Story

Many people may not actually know details of the Bible story about Daniel, although the expression "Daniel in the lions' den" is a well-known one. Here's an opportunity to learn about one of our ancient heroes in a most delightful way. Marzollo likely has a hit here with her first written-and-also-illustrated book and its Greek chorus of ants, who wend their merry way along the bottom inch of the jacket as well as the cover and each page of the book, inserting their comments as they march. "Who's that?" they ask beneath the picture of an angel. "That's the angel." "What did the angel do?" "You'll find out but not right away. First, meet Daniel." What a clever way to engage youngsters' attention while also keeping them focused on the story! There is even a song to sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as the lions, restrained by God through his angel and his prophet Daniel, fall asleep instead of tearing him to bits. Bright primary colored pictures painted first in watercolor and then scanned into the computer to be finished in Adobe Photoshop are the perfect accompaniment to the imaginative text, and you will hardly even realize that there's a moral to this story. 2003, Little Brown, Ages 3 to 8.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$5.00

25 Starlight and Candles: The Joys of the Sabbath

Ages 5 - 8. A gentle story that uses the Sabbath traditions of one Jewish family as a springboard for introducing the holiday. On Friday evening, Rosy and Jake and their parents and grandparents celebrate the coming of "the Sabbath Bride," sharing in the joy of the blessings, the good food, the family togetherness, and the stories and songs. On Saturday the family goes to the synagogue to celebrate with others and to reaffirm its ties with God and its roots in the Jewish community. The story is thin, but the book is still an amiable introduction to the holiday, made more so by the striking watercolor-and-cut-out illustrations. Chwast's manipulation of crisp black shapes and details makes the pictures both dramatic and intense. A brief glossary defines special terms presented in the story, and the three traditional Friday-evening blessings (candles, bread, and wine) are presented in English versions.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$5.00

26 Bagels from Benny

Pre-School - Grade 2. Benny says thank you to God, but how does he know that God hears? Why doesn't God answer? Benny works out a plan: in return for working in his grandpa's bakery, Benny asks for a bag of bagels every Friday and he leaves them for God in the Holy Ark in the synagogue. Every week the bagels disappear, and Benny is happy that God has taken them. Then Benny and Grandpa see a ragged man take the bagels from the ark and thank God for feeding him; the man says that he has found work at last, and he promises to help others. Based on an ancient Jewish folktale from Spain, the story of how a small gesture can make a difference is a moving drama of generosity and faith. The casual, cartoon-style watercolors with pencil cross-hatching show the mystery in ordinary things. The pictures, in a circular shape in the center of each page, are as round as a bagel, as round as the Earth made by God.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$4.00

27 Oh, Chanukah! (Board Book)

On every spread of this board book with oversized card stock flaps, children are encouraged to lift flaps and discover the many joys of Chanukah-treats, presents, family, and more! Liz Conrad's soft and warm illustrations are a perfect complement to this sweet text. This board book is a wonderful introduction to the celebration of the Chanukah holiday!

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$3.00

28 Next Year in Jerusalem: 3000 Years of Jewish Stories

Reverent, peaceful watercolors in rainbow hues accompany this collection of Jewish stories adapted from a variety of sources that explain ancient customs and history, such as the importance of tzedakah, or charity, and the miracle at King David's tomb. All ages.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$5.00

29 The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories From Chelm

Ages 4 - 8. The best retellings of the Fools of Chelm stories, such as Isaac Bashevis Singer's *When Shlemiel Went to Warsaw* (1968), reveal a wry absurdity in the literal truth. Rooted in daily shtetl life, they cut down our most earnest endeavors and show us as survivors making the best of the worst. Kimmel gets the shtetl setting, the humanity, and the farce; but his collection is uneven. Some tales, such as "Wisdom for Sale," go on much too long, with elaborately contrived fantasy and heavy explanations of the wise-fool paradox. And Kimmel's sources are vague: only two of the stories are traditional Chelm tales; some are adapted from "other traditions," and some are Kimmel's own work. There are, however, some memorable tales. One of the best is "The Magic Spoon," in which the villagers talk themselves into making latkes together. Gerstein's detailed ink-on-oil paint artwork, one full-page picture per story, captures the intricate silliness and slapstick, and it's fitting that the type uses upside-down question marks.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$9.00

30 Joseph and the King of Egypt (The Lion Story Bible)

Retells the Old Testament story of Joseph who was sold into slavery by his brothers and, because of his ability to interpret dreams, made a place for himself in the land of Egypt.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$3.00

31 The Story of Hanukkah

This is a picture book introduction to Hanukkah. Sherman's bold art, reminiscent of illuminated manuscripts, is paired with a dramatic text. The Hanukkah story is a timeless reminder of devotion to God; Ehrlich's retelling captures his tone while communicating the intensity of the Maccabees' faith, the fierceness of the battle and the joy in the rededication of the temple of Jerusalem. Sherman's glowing images reflect the intense flames of faith, underscoring the power of history and the continuing vitality of the Jewish people. All ages.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$2.00

32 The Donkey's Story: A Bible Story

In this sprightly version of “Balaam and His Ass,” taken from Numbers, Chapters 23 and 24, a donkey introduces the tale by cautioning listeners to refer to stupid people as “balaams,” not “asses,” and then proceeds to give a simplified, slightly embellished, but accurate version of the Old Testament Bible story.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$5.00

33 Agnon's Alef Bet: Poems

Poems by S.Y. Agnon and rich illustrations by Arieh Zeldich would be a beautiful family gift. From Alef to Tav, many of the poems will appeal to all ages, but for adults, translator Robert Friend has included notes on his translations; the original Hebrew texts are given in the back of the book.

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

34 Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins

What are the poor villagers to do? The holiday-hating, hill-dwelling hobgoblins are bound and determined to ruin yet another Hanukkah for them. Every year the beasties snuff out the menorah candles, destroy the dreidels, and pitch the potato latkes on the floor. But these wicked wet blankets never counted on someone as clever as Hershel of Ostropol showing up. Using his wits and a few props--pickles, eggs, and a dreidel--Hershel manages to outwit all the creepy critters and break the spell. This fabulously creative adaptation of the ancient Hanukkah story keeps the spirit of the original while adding a spine-tingling twist. Warmth and humor prevail, even in the midst of hopeless-looking circumstances. Award-winning illustrator Trina Schart Hyman creates lively and witty pictures that pair perfectly with Eric Kimmel's words to create this Caldecott Honor Book. (Ages 4 to 8)

Donor: Rain Zohav

Minimum Bid: \$5.00

35 Framed Noah's Ark Print

This print of Noah's Ark is perfect for a young child's room.

Donor: Abby Morris

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

36 Adopt an Ice House Penguin

This adorable, squeakable penguin is about 5" tall and arrives with its own ice house, which is 5" wide at the base.

This Penguin comes with a Kids Wildlife Activities Book filled with Animal facts, coloring, crossword puzzles, a Certificate of Adoption and a beautiful 5"x7" photograph and a two-sided fact sheet chock-full of fascinating facts.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

37 Adopt an Ice House Polar Bear

This adorable, squeakable polar bear is about 5" long and arrives with its own ice house, which is 5" wide at the base and comes with a Kid's Wildlife Book, a Certificate of Adoption, a photograph and a fascinating fact sheet.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

38 Adopt a Tiger

Unlike most felines, the Tiger actively seeks out water and can swim up to four miles without resting. This endangered animal suffers from habitat loss and being hunted to near extinction. At the start of the 20th century, it is estimated there were over 100,000 tigers in the world but the population has dwindled to about 2,000 in the wild.

When you adopt this plush tiger, you will receive a Certificate of Adoption and a fact sheet about the animal.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

39 Adopt a Snow Leopard

There are less than 4,000 Snow Leopards left in the wild. This beautiful creature's habitat is rapidly being reduced due to development and global warming.

When you adopt this spotted feline, you will receive a plush animal, a Certificate of Adoption and a fact sheet full of fascinating facts.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

40 Adopt an Orca

Did you know that Orcas are actually the largest species of the Oceanic Dolphin family?

When you adopt this black and white ocean mammal, you will be supporting both wildlife conservation and Beth Chai. Along with a plush Orca, you will receive a Certificate of Adoption and an 11" by 14" full color poster.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

41 Adopt a Sea Turtle

All species of sea turtles are listed as threatened or endangered. The leatherback, Kemp's Ridley, and hawksbill turtles are critically endangered. The Olive Ridley and green turtles are endangered, and the loggerhead is threatened.

By adopting one or more of this adorable animal, you'll help protect America's precious wildlife and the habitats they depend on, as well as support Beth Chai!

This plush turtle also comes with a Certificate of Adoption; and an 11" x 14" full-color poster.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

42 Adopt an Arctic Fox

This cute Arctic Fox can be found throughout the entire Arctic, including the outer edges of Greenland, Russia, Canada, Alaska, and Svalbard, as well as in Subarctic and alpine areas, such as Iceland and mainland alpine Scandinavia.

By adopting this adorable animal, you'll help protect America's precious wildlife and the habitats they depend on, as well as support Beth Chai!

Along with the plush animal, you will receive a Certificate of Adoption and an 11" x 14" full-color poster.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

43 Adopt a Baby Gibbon

Did you know that this cute baby Gibbon is actually an ape and not a monkey, "Look Ma, no tail!"

Gibbons are rapidly losing their habitat due to deforestation and are considered endangered or threatened. With your pledge, you will not only be supporting Beth Chai but supporting efforts to save this animal's home.

With your winning bid, you will receive a plush baby Gibbon, a Certificate of Adoption and an 11" x 14" full color poster.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

44 Adopt a Polar Bear

Regardless of what Sarah Palin says, the polar bear is in jeopardy and was added to the "threatened" list in 2008 by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Don't hold it against the poor polar bear that it is the symbol of the Alaskan Independence Party, the secessionist party Todd Palin belonged to. Adopt a left leaning polar bear and receive an Adoption Kit with a plush polar bear, a Certificate of Adoption, and an 11" x 14" full color Polar Bear Poster.

Donors: Michele McNally, Joyce Rechtschaffen & Elizabeth Thede Minimum Bid: \$18.00

45 Adopt a Canadian Lynx

It's hard to distinguish the Canada lynx from the American lynx unless you see him with a maple leaf or a Canadian flag. Regardless, the Canada lynx is on the list of "threatened" species because climate change is forcing it to retreat northward. Adopt a Canada lynx and receive an Adoption Kit that includes a plush animal, a personalized Certificate of Adoption, and an 11" x 14" full-color poster.

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46 Adopt a Moose

There are fewer than 237 moose in Minnesota today. In 1985 there were more than 4,000. Scientists blame global warming which has caused winter temperatures to climb 12 degrees Fahrenheit. So, adopt a moose and receive an Adoption Kit that includes an endearing plush moose, a personalized Certificate of Adoption, an 11" x 14" moose poster...and best of all, the satisfaction of knowing you're helping to protect imperiled wildlife throughout America.

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47 Adopt a Grizzly Bear

Grizzly bears in the lower 48 were reduced to two percent of their former range because of over hunting and habitat loss. However, fate is turning around for the grizzly. Recently, the Yellowstone bears were removed from the government's list of endangered species. Adopt a grizzly bear and receive an Adoption Kit with a plush bear, Certificate of Adoption, and an 11" x 14" grizzly bear poster.

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48 Hand Knit Baby Item

Elsie Heyrman Klumpner will hand knit a baby item of your choosing. She will make a blanket, hat, scarves, or any mutually agreed upon baby item.

Donor: Elise Heyrman Klumpner Minimum Bid: \$25.00

49 Four Tickets to an Adventure Theatre Show

A gift certificate for 4 tickets to an Adventure Theatre main-stage show this season (The Red Balloon or If You Give a Pig a Pancake).

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

On Holiday

50 Bethany Beach Tennis Weekend

Get Away for a Weekend at the Beach and brush up your game! Play tennis, get coaching, swim, wander the beaches and relax. Take advantage of an off-season weekend at Sea Colony Tennis Villa, Bethany Beach, Delaware. Three blocks to the beach. The condo sleeps 6-8. Indoor and outdoor pools. Indoor and outdoor tennis courts (30). Two fitness centers. This is a full tennis resort with pros, clinics, and great facilities. Tennis Magazine this month rated Sea Colony as one of the 5 best resorts in the country for a beginner to learn to play tennis. Available April-May, September-November on a mutually agreeable weekend. Possibly available in season if an agreeable weekend is available.

Donor: Craig Pernick

Minimum Bid: \$150.00

51 Bethany Beach House

Travel outside the beltway for a weekend and see what lies yonder in Bethany Beach, Delaware. Walk to the beach one-half mile away from this cozy house. With four bedrooms, two bathrooms, an enclosed "Florida room," this house sleeps up to ten when you include the sleep sofa in the living room. Amenities include a front deck-plus fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, and A/C. Located in Bethany West, guests have easy access to two swimming pools, six tennis courts. Available on a mutually convenient fall weekend.

Donor: Nancy Lopez

Minimum Bid: \$150.00

Need Some Advice?

52 Investment Consultation

Retirement??? College??? Wondering how to manage your money in this crazy economy? Not sure whether you need help? Where to get started? Here is your chance. One half-hour consultation with Craig Pernick, Registered Investment Advisor. Craig is Vice President of Asset Management, Inc., a privately owned, fee-based investment management firm.

Donor: Craig Pernick

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

53 Life Coaching Sessions with Betsy Reinstein

Have you ever wondered about life coaching? What exactly is it? Think of a sports coach-- someone who helps you to run faster, jump higher and play your best game. Now imagine all the different aspects of your life, where you might benefit from some change or growth. It could be about your work, your relationships with family or friends, or it might be that you're considering a big life transition. Or you want to lose weight, have more work/life balance, or become a more confident public speaker. Maybe you want to have a different relationship with money, or find your soul-mate, or a new career. You get the idea. LifeWorks Coaching is Beth Chai member Betsy Reinstein Dewey, who is offering a series of three confidential coaching sessions, in person or on the phone. Expires March 15, 2011.

Donor: LifeWorks Coaching

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

54 Are you flummoxed by your flowers? Puzzled by your plantings?

Beth Chai's own organic farmer, Mark Israel, will guide and mentor you throughout the year including visiting your home to help plan your garden, guiding you through seed and flower catalogues and supply sources. If additional questions come up throughout the year, Mark will also do phone consultations.

Donor: Mark Israel & Judith Lesser

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

55 Diet and Nutrition Advice

Have you ever wondered how many calories you actually require each day?

Beth Chai member Beth Burchard will calculate your Resting Metabolic Rate (RMR) using the Harris-Benedict Equation. This equation takes into account your age, gender, weight, height, and activity level to determine the approximate number of calories you use each day. We'll then talk about how you can measure and weigh foods and beverages to track your calorie intake. This offer includes a brand-new, high-quality Tanita kitchen scale. Measuring is fun and easy once you get the hang of it! You'll actually know what 2 ounces of dry pasta (or one serving) looks like! Let me show you how -- it's simple!

Donor: Beth Burchard

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

56 Consultation with a legal specialist in Mediation and Family Solutions

Sometimes in life, a situation arises where one could use a professional mediator.

Rebecca Lippman, a lawyer specializing in family and divorce solutions is offering a consultation to help you resolve a difficult situation.

Donor: Family and Divorce Solutions

Minimum Bid: \$150.00

57 Yoga Nidra / Self-Inquiry / Body Sensing

Three one hour private one-on-one iRest / yoga nidra sessions in person or by phone that help you feel more grounded in who you are at your core. iRest/ Yoga Nidra is a process that helps you enter into a deep dialogue with yourself, welcoming in messengers that reside in your body and when acknowledged can help you heal physically, emotionally and psychologically.

Donor: Karen Brody

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

58 Residential Design Consultation

So, you want to make some changes to your home but you just don't have the budget for construction this year? Well, you're in luck! Beth Chai member and residential architect Rob Weinstein will meet with you for a design consultation. Make some big changes to your living space without the guilt. A perfect idea in this tough economy.

Donor: Robert Weinstein

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

59 Residential Architectural Consultation

Have you been thinking about renovating your kitchen or bathroom? Putting an addition onto your home? Building a new house from the ground up? Whether you're thinking interior or exterior, large scale or small, you can benefit from the advice of a pro. If you're the winning bidder, Beth Chai member and architect Rob Weinstein will visit your property and then sit down with you and talk over potential strategies for any type of home construction project.

Donor: Robert Weinstein

Minimum Bid: \$150.00

Sports / Fitness

60 Two Tickets to the Washington Nationals

What could be better than an early summer day at the ballpark? Hot dogs, cold beer, a gentle breeze. How about two tickets to see our own Washington Nationals take on the Chicago White Sox on Sunday, June 20, 1:35.

Donor: Greg Marchand & Vicky Marchand

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

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62 Two Tickets to the Washington Nationals vs. the San Diego Padres

Amazing seats right behind the visitor's dugout - one of the best views in the park. This could be one of the first home series where Nationals 2009 first round draft pick Stephen Strasburg pitches at Nationals Park!

Wednesday, July 7, 7:05 p.m.

Donor: Hali & Eric London

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

63 Deangelo Hall Autographed Picture (Washington Redskins)

Are you a football fan? Don't miss this opportunity to have the autograph of a real star player, cornerback Deangelo Hall.

Donor: Washington Redskins

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

64 Mark Clayton Autographed Mini-Football (Baltimore Ravens)

Baltimore Ravens Autographed mini-football.

Autographed mini-ball of Ravens WR Mark Clayton and Ravens shirt (unsigned)

Donor: Baltimore Ravens

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

65 DC United - One Premium Ticket

One Premium Package-A ticket to the DC United game of your choice.

Donor: DC United

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

Food

66 \$10 Gift Certificates BD's Mongolian Grill

BD's Mongolian Grill: Mongo Money:

\$10 gift certificate for the restaurant at 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD

Donor: BD's Mongolian Grill

Minimum Bid: \$6.00

67 Chipotle: "BURRITO PARTY FOR 10"

Includes: Gourmet Burritos (or Tacos, Salad, or Burrito Bowl), Plus Chips and Guacamole, and a Fountain Soda (for 10)

Expires July, 2010

Donor: Chipotle

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

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70 \$25 California Tortilla Gift card

California Tortilla, <http://www.californiatortilla.com>, is an award-winning chain of twenty or so quick-service Mexican restaurants, most in the DC area; its menu features a range of "darn tasty" offerings, including, but by no means limited to, several creative varieties of burrito and a very respectable vegetarian selection.

Donor: Aaron Ucko & Yevgeniya Nusinovich

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

Exclusive!

71 National Geographic Behind the Scenes Tour and Films

A behind the scenes tour of National Geographic for up to a family of six people to be arranged at a time of mutual convenience. The tour will feature a trip through the Crittercam lab to see where the cameras are designed and hear stories of recent deployments on white sharks, tree kangaroos, etc.; a visit to Alexander Graham Bell's old office; and other points of interest.

Also included are Four Award Winning DVD's (Emperors of the Arctic Ice; Masters of the Arctic Ice; Surviving Paradise; and Wild Detectives) featuring National Geographic's Proprietary Crittercam Systems -- these are special cameras designed to be deployed on wild bears, sharks, whales, etc.

Donor: Mark Bauman & Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

72 19" View Sonic Flat Screen Computer Monitor / TV

Donor: Oona Lee

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

Music

73 An Evening of Music with Hurricane Howie

Whether it's rhythm & blues, rock and roll, zydeco, cajun, blues, or jazz, Hurricane Howie plays it, and he'll provide an evening's worth for a private party to the winning bidder. The Hurricane, as Beth Chai member Howard Feinstein is known professionally, has put his piano and accordion playing and his vocals on display at such DC-area venues as the Birchmere, Strathmore Hall, the Phillips Collection, the 9:30 Club, the National Geographic Society, and the U.S. Capitol. Despite the force his nickname implies, Howie is willing to play in the background for a cocktail party if that's what's desired; just don't ask him to play classical. He'll provide three sets of about an hour each, with breaks on the hour.

Donor: Howie Feinstein

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

Books / CDs / DVDs

74 National Geographic Atlas 8th Edition

For the new millennium, the National Geographic Society has completely revised its full-size (47-cm.) world atlas, last published in 1992. It reflects all of the most recent geopolitical changes, including the reversion of Zaire to the Democratic Republic of Congo with renamed provinces, the return of both Hong Kong and Macao to China, new provincial boundaries in post-apartheid South Africa, the establishment of the Canadian territory of Nunavut (incorporating Inuit communities in Eastern Arctic Canada), and the demarcation line between the Bosniak-Croat Federation and the Serbian Republic in Bosnia and Herzegovina. More than 75 large-format color maps grouped by continent portray the world with detailed, digitally painted terrain modeling. Each continent is introduced by satellite, political, and physical maps and a section with country summaries (with official flags and demographic and economic data for all independent nations arranged alphabetically). Political maps for regions and specific countries follow, and there are also detail maps of 243 major cities. In addition, new thematic maps treating environmental issues, natural resources, and human culture have been added. The index includes more than 140,000 entries for cities and natural features. The atlas will be

continually updated via the National Geographic Society's new web resource (nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine), where patches will be available for downloading, printing, and pasting. This outstanding publication is highly recommended for all reference collections.

Donor: Mark Bauman & Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$60.00

75 National Geographic Family Reference Atlas

Whether you're looking for someplace on Earth or in the galaxy, the daily high temperature in October in Timbuktu, the world's tallest office or why we experience seasons, the answers can be found here.

The Family Reference Atlas provides: more than 1,000 maps, illustrations, and photographs; more than 400 charts and tables; and 30 global thematic spreads displaying key facts and figures on everything from biodiversity and the distribution of natural resources to world health and education, global Internet connectivity, and conflict and terror hot spots.

A comprehensive index makes it easy to pinpoint more than 40,000 locations all over the globe. Need to know the population of Brunei, what the weather's like in San Juan in March, or how to use metric conversions? These answers and thousands more are at your fingertips.

The atlas even reaches beyond Earth to explore the solar system, the Milky Way, and the Universe.

Donor: Mark Balaschak & Deborah Signer

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

76 National Geographic Atlas for Young Explorers

As the boundaries of our world change, so must our atlases.

his generously sized 2003 edition of the award-winning National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers reflects the latest-possible place-name and boundary changes and features a new 16-page section on the world's oceans (including maps and illustrated essays) and an expanded U.S. section that provides an in-depth look at each region.

If you are unfamiliar with the format of previous editions, expert National Geographic cartographers have designed more than 115 pages of colorful, easy-to-read, full-spread political (names and boundaries of countries), physical (land forms and water features), and thematic (displaying patterns such as climate) maps.

Donor: Mark Bauman & Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

77 The Letter and the Scroll

For 2,000 years and more, the Bible and its precepts have shaped world culture and civilization, whether Judeo-Christian or not. The Bible is a touchstone of religious belief, literary accomplishment, morality, and history unlike any other. Biblical interpretations have changed over the millennia, but the past 100 years have witnessed some of the most important transformations in our perspective, and no recent influence has been greater than archaeology.

In the mid-20th century, the unearthing of the Dead Sea Scrolls to cite just one of many modern finds-deepened our understanding of the Biblical world, its peoples, and their beliefs. Since then, new evidence has appeared-the Tel Dan inscription, the Merneptah Stele, and the Gabriel Revelation with each revelation providing richer insights into the scriptural narrative and the way these stories were written and handed down, confirming the details of historical events and personages, or clarifying the meaning and chronology of biblical ideas.

Meticulous, scholarly, yet always accessible, this is required reading for anyone interested in both Old and New Testaments and the creeds, cultures, and civilizations of ancient Hebrews and early Christians alike.

Donor: Mark Bauman & Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

78 Africa's Wildlife Collection 6 Volume DVD Set

Travel to the heartlands of Africa to witness amazing wildlife and stunning landscapes through the eyes of world-renowned National Geographic photographers and filmmakers.

Witness the realities of birth, death, and survival in the wilds of Africa with this complete collection of 12 critically-acclaimed National Geographic specials-with over 600 minutes of riveting entertainment. Through extraordinary close-up encounters, see first-hand how zebras, rhinos, crocodiles, elephants, gorillas, leopards, lions, and other African creatures survive and thrive in their unforgiving habitats.

Donor: Mark Bauman & Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

79 National Geographic's "True Green at Work" and the Green Guide.

Global warming, climate change, toxic waste, and more: it sometimes seems the environmental challenges we face are just too huge for individual actions to matter, but they're not--and here's the proof. True Green explores six key areas where small changes can make a big difference: in the home; in the garden; at work; shopping; travel; and in the community. Dozens of illustrated spreads provide positive, practical, simple-to-implement tips and a summary of their environmental contribution; in addition, a reference guide to useful websites offers access to priceless additional information, global and local alike. Presented in concise, information-packed chapters, this up-to-the-minute resource touches on every aspect of our lives, from grocery shopping to housecleaning, to work, travel, and investing--enabling consumers to make informed decisions and simple changes that impact the planet in big ways.

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Minimum Bid: \$20.00

80 CD of Israeli Songs

This is an exclusive CD of Israeli music from Shir Fun, an Israeli music school in NYC.

Donor: Alan Kotok & Sharon Kotok

Minimum Bid: \$8.00

81 CD of Passover Songs

This is an exclusive CD from Shir Fun, an Israeli music school in NYC presents traditional Passover songs played in blues, reggae, country and other styles.

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82 One complete set of Opera Lafayette's recordings (5 CDs)

Opera Lafayette at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H Street, NE), is a period-instrument ensemble dedicated to performances of 17th- and 18th-century operas, particularly the French repertoire. Founded in 1995 in Washington, DC, by Artistic Director Ryan Brown, Opera Lafayette has earned critical acclaim and a loyal following for its performances and recordings with international singers renowned for their interpretations of baroque and classical operas. Of it's February, 2010, performance of Gluck's *Armide*, Anthony Tommasini of *The New York Times* said, "That Gluck's magnificent 1777 *Armide*, a seemingly flawless masterpiece, continues to be a rarity is inexplicable...Mr. Brown conducted a stylish and flowing performance, with an admirable cast headed by the lustrous soprano Dominique Labelle in the title role." *Opera* magazine, published in England, recognized Opera Lafayette as "an oasis of French Baroque opera in the United States..." *The Washington Post* characterized the ensemble as "one of the most intellectually exciting fixtures of the Washington music world." Its New York City debut in October 2007 was lauded by *The New York Times* for "the crisp, resilient playing of the period orchestra, bringing the lilting dance music to colorful life." Opera Lafayette records for Naxos; its discography includes Gluck's *Orphée et Euridice* (released in 2005), Sacchini's *Œdipe à Colone* (2006), Rameau Operatic Arias (2007), Lully's *Armide* (2008) and Rebel and Francœur's *Zélindor, roi des Sylphes* (2009). Opera Lafayette's growing discography also includes Monsigny's *Le Déserteur*, to be released in 2010.

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84 Three Capital Steps CDs

Three CDs of the musical political satire from the Capital Steps, the only group in Washington that attempts to be funnier than the Congress.

Donor: Capital Steps

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

85 People of the Book

Read your way back through Jewish history with *The Jewish Justices and Jewish History of Washington, DC* from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington. The Jewish Historical Society and its Lillian & Albert Small Jewish Museum preserve, chronicle and present the story of the local Jewish community through archival collections, exhibits, publications, and the preservation of the oldest synagogue building in the nation's capital, the site of the 1876 Adas Israel Synagogue. www.jhsgw.org

Donor: Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

Gift Baskets

86 Rainbow Themed Wine Basket

Seven Bottles of wine with a ROY G. BIV (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue Indigo, and Violet) theme.

Red: Bonnie Doon Big House Red, California blend

Orange: Madria Orange Ruby Sangria, traditional Spanish style wine citrus punch

Yellow: Wolf Blass Yellow Label Australian Shiraz, 2007

Green: Green Lion Merlot, Napa, California, 2006

Blue: Our Dog Blue, Chateau Morrisette California White

Indigo: Torrey Ridge Indigo Blush Wine, a grape/honey wine

Violet: Bodegas Carrau Tannat de Reserva Las Violetas, Uruguay, 2006

Donor: Peggy Robin & Bill Adler

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

87 Wines by the Numbers One to Seven

Even if seven is not your lucky number, celebrate your good fortune by bidding on this wine basket of reds and whites in a numbered theme.

One: Alsace One, Pierre Sparr White, 2008

Two: Two Vines, Columbia Crest Shiraz, 2005

Three: Three Blind Moose, California Merlot, 2006

Four: Four Sisters Sauvignon Blanc, Southeastern Australia, 2008

Five: Five Rivers Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, California, 2006

Six: Six Clones Merlot, Peirano Estate, Lodi California, 2007

Seven: Seven Artisans Petite Syrah, Suisun Valley, California, 2007

Donor: Peggy Robin & Bill Adler

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

Memberships

88 Family Membership to National Building Museum

Long one of the lesser known gems of Washington, the Building Museum is housed in a gorgeous historic building. Your membership entitles you to discounts in the Museum store, long rated one of the best in Washington. You also pay reduced rates for some of the most informative talks that you'll ever hear by those who are leading participants in the built environment. A special feature available to members only is the Construction Walks, a true hard-hat environment where you tour sites under construction with the architect or builder in charge. There are also special children and family seminars. The member only receptions provide an enjoyable evening with food, drink and interesting company.

Donor: National Building Museum

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

Performing Arts

89 Four tickets to Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh & Company

Go as a group of four, or two pairs, four tickets to the Sunday, May 2nd performance at Dance Place. Premiere performance of Rooms, a dance choreographed by Anna Sokolow, a pioneering Jewish-American choreographer. Rooms addresses the issue of loneliness and the loss of human connection in our cities and our world today.

Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh & Company is the Emerging Group acclaimed by the Metro DC Dance Awards in 2008. The Company also won the award for Excellence in Costume Design. These awards recognize Dakshina's path breaking work in creating a vision of dance that is multi-cultural, collaborative, and socially relevant. The company performs and presents Indian dance forms, such as Bharata Natyam, and Modern dance, mirroring the multiple identities of second generation South Asians.

Minimum Bid: \$35.00

90 1 Pair of Tickets, Liz Lerman Dance Exchange

1 pair of tickets to our performance at the Olney Theater in Maryland, May 15.

Donor: Liz Lerman Dance Exchange

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

91 Jane Franklin Dance, Two Tickets

Jane Franklin Dance was named The Best Dance Company in The Washington City Paper Best of DC 2008 and has earned recognition in the Washington DC metro area by promoting active participation in dance by people of all ages. Its innovative projects combine dance with digital and visual arts, neighborhood participation, and original music to reach approximately 11,500 people each year: I like Breaking Ground, a project combining round wall skateboarders with company dancers!

Two tickets for the 2010-11 Season (it hasn't been set as yet)

Donor: Jane Franklin Dance

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

92 Two tickets for any show - CityDance

City Dance Ensemble is one of only two full-time professional dance companies in Washington. Two tickets are available for any show in the 2010-2011 concert season.

Website is citydance.net!

Donor: CityDance

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

93 Two Tickets to MetroStage

Metro Stage, Two Tickets through December, 2010 to Any Performance

MetroStage is the oldest professional theatre in Alexandria in Northern Virginia. Dedicated to producing plays by established and emerging playwrights that have been selected for their social, political, literary, and entertainment value, MetroStage offers Off-Broadway on the River's Edge. Choose the challenging American play you want to see!

Donor: MetroStage

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

94 Two Season Tickets to the Quotidian Theater

The Quotidian Theatre Company's mission is to present plays in what is known as the natural, realistic, or, more accurately, impressionistic style. This is a theatre without histrionics; the gunshots and car crashes are kept offstage. By providing realistic situations and dialogue, the company wants to give the audience the impression that they are witnessing events over a backyard fence or through an open window, thus transporting them from detached viewers to involved witnesses. For Auction are a pair of season subscriptions (for 2010-11 - not yet announced) plus the remaining two shows of the current season. This represents five different shows, two tickets each, the retail value based on individual box office sale would be \$250.

www.quotidiantheatre.org

Donor: Quotidian Theatre Company

Minimum Bid: \$80.00

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96 One Ticket - Dinner and Show at Toby's Dinner Theater!

38 Helen Hayes Awards Nominations! Voted Best of Baltimore - Baltimore Magazine. Toby's, celebrating its 29th year, has its own history and style. The theatre is one of the few regional dinner theatres that maintains a live orchestra. Performances in-the-round provide the patron with a dynamic interactive experience and a fine seat, with none more than 30 feet from the stage. Toby's has been nominated 48 times for Helen Hayes awards. Toby's won the 2003 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Director of a Resident Musical, and resident choreographer, Illona Kessel, won the 2002 and 2004 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Choreography. For auction is one ticket for a show and dinner. Toby's is located at 5900 Symphony Woods Road in Columbia, MD 21044.

Donor: Toby's Dinner Theater

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

97 Two Tickets for 2010-2011 Performance - Wayside Theatre

You'll enjoy two tickets to the Wayside Theater in Middletown, Virginia, a professional theater company that hosts artists from all over the East Coast. Performances for the 2009-2010 season include: Shenandoah, Dead Man's Cell Phone, Striking 12, Mark Twain's A Murder, A Mystery, and a Marriage, Southern Crossroads: The New Orleans Adventure, Groucho and others to be determined.

Middletown is only 1 hour west of Washington off of I-66. You can drive out for the evening or stay overnight and enjoy the sights around Middletown and Winchester. The tickets are good for any Thursday evening or weekend matinee performance between 6/5/2010 and 4/23/11, excluding the Christmas production.

Donor: Wayside Theatre

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

98 Two Tickets - Woolly Mammoth Theater Company

Woolly Mammoth has been called "Washington's most daring theatre company" by the New York Times. It offers exciting new plays by innovative playwrights. Plays premiered at Woolly Mammoth have won major national awards and have been produced at hundreds of other theatres across America and around the world. You have an opportunity to get two tickets to the fabulous 2010-2011 season. Website is <http://www.woollymammoth.net>

Donor: Woolly Mammoth Theater Company

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

99 Two Tickets for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Two Tickets for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 11 am

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) is internationally recognized as having achieved a preeminent place among the world's most important orchestras. Acclaimed for its uncompromising pursuit of artistic excellence, the Baltimore Symphony has attracted a devoted national and international following. The BSO made musical history at the start of the 2007-2008 season, with Maestra Marin Alsop leading her inaugural concerts as the Orchestra's 12th music director, making her the first woman to head a major American orchestra.

All performances are in Meyerhoff Hall in Baltimore, Maryland.

Donor: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Minimum Bid: \$60.00

100 Capital Woodwind Quintet, 2 Tickets

Superb talent, masterful technique, and unquenchable enthusiasm are the hallmarks of this group. The Washington Post praised them for brainy wit and a superb performance. You can get a pair of tickets for the performance on April 25th and May 23rd. Single pair of tickets to each concert. Get all the information you need at: [www. capitalwoodwinquintet.org](http://www.capitalwoodwinquintet.org)

Donor: Capitol Woodwind Quintet

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

101 Capital Woodwind Quintet, 2 Tickets

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Opera Lafayette at the Atlas Performing Arts Center

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The Washington Symphonic Brass is comprised of some of the finest professional musicians in the Washington/Baltimore area. The WSB performs throughout the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan area, appearing at some of the great performance spaces on the East coast. Specializing in compositions written for large brass ensemble and percussion (four trumpets, four horns, four trombones, euphonium, tuba, timpani, and percussion instruments) with organs, choruses, and other instruments optional, the varied repertoire of the Washington Symphonic Brass covers five centuries.

Tickets will be left at will call. Winners can choose whatever CD they would like at the concert.

Donor: The Washington Symphonic Brass & Percussion Ensemble Minimum Bid: \$30.00

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108 One Season Ticket Capitol Hill Chamber Music Festival

One Capitol Hill Chamber Music Festival season ticket. This is the 10th Anniversary season and it will be special. This can be used all season which begins in July or before.

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109 Bach Sinfonia

A pair of tickets to any performance of the Bach Sinfonia at the Woodside United Methodist Church in Silver Spring through June 2010.

The Bach Sinfonia is a Maryland-based organization dedicated to excellence in performance and public education of Baroque and Classical music. Now in its 15th season, Sinfonia presents an annual series of unique concerts, open dress rehearsals, and listening lectures of music from the eighteenth century. Sinfonia strives to create programs that differ from the standard classical music concert with performances that aren't just listening entertainments but are also learning experiences.

Tickets are good through June 2010. Does not include performances of King Arthur

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