

Beth Chai Auction 2011

Welcome to the 2011 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, March 27 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.)

Bidding on silent auction items closes in three parts, at 11:15, 11:25, and 11:35, and the live auction conducted by Rabbi Blecher gets started at 11:45 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 pizza closer to noon) and on stage will be live music, both before and after the live auction.

Checkout begins between 12:00 and 12:30. 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 2011 Beth Chai auction possible!

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Live Auction Items

2001 Jewelry Making

Beth Chai member and jewelry designer Gayle Friedman will teach you and a friend how to make jewelry. The winning bidder will spend three hours with Gayle at her studio, Studio 4903, on Wisconsin Ave., near Friendship Heights. Materials are included. gaylefriedmandesign.com

Donor: Gayle Friedman

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

2002 An Evening of Jazz

Imagine having two hours of live jazz (performed by a duo or trio) for your next party! Our very own Alan Feldenkris will bring a combo into your home or wherever you're entertaining. The winning bidder and Alan will come up with a mutually agreeable date.

Donor: Alan Feldenkris

Minimum Bid: \$125.00

2003 "School of Wine" - a 6 bottle collection of wines

Enter L'Ecole (The School) No. 41 and then go right to the Textbook. Study Relativity. After that you will have an Educated Guess. You will emerge with The Truth. Celebrate your graduation with a Spanish champagne that sums up what you have learned: $1+1 = 3!$

L'Ecole No. 41 2007 Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley, WA

Textbook 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Relativity 2007 Chardonnay, Sonoma County

Educated Guess 2009 Chardonnay, Napa Valley

Truth 2006 Lindsay's Cuvee Red, Santa Rosa

$1+1=3$ Cava Brut Sparkling Wine from Spain

Donor: Bill Adler & Peggy Robin

Minimum Bid: \$60.00

2004 Residential Architectural Consultation

Have you thought 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

2005 Handyman to the Rescue!

Is your punch list growing longer than your domestic peace can tolerate? Then these three hours of handyman services may help restore that marital balance. Perspective Renovations will dispatch Master Handyman, Joe Okon, proprietor and Beth Chai member.

Donor: Joe Okon

Minimum Bid: \$100.00

2006 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 one hour each, with breaks on the hour.

Donor: Howie Feinstein

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

2007 Limited Edition Redskins autographed football

The entire team! Only 600 of this limited edition autographed 2010 Redskins' football were made. Listed value is \$80 (cost of the football), but goes for much much more online.

Donor: Washington Redskins

Minimum Bid: \$80.00

2008 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 bedrooms, 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 fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, and A/C. Located in Bethany West, guests have easy access to two swimming pools and six tennis courts. Available on a mutually convenient fall weekend.

Donor: Nancy Lopez

Minimum Bid: \$150.00

2009 Heavenly week on Lake Champlain

Escape to Vermont's Lake Champlain with a 7-night vacation at this lake-front cottage. Two bedrooms, 1 bath, working fireplace, across a dirt road from the waterfront. Screened-in porch, roomy deck, all on 5 lakefront acres. You even have wireless internet access! Canoe, kayak, bike, hike, and relax! The Lake House is available either before June 15 or after August 18.

Donor: Tom Israel & Leigh Dingson

Minimum Bid: \$200.00

Silent Items

At Your Service

101 Babysitting by our Mitzvah Class Teacher

Aimee Mayer will provide babysitting for up to five (5) hours. Note: winning bidder must provide transportation to/from Columbia Heights or be Metro accessible.

Donor: Amy Mayer

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

102 Private Yoga Session

1-hr yoga or yoga therapy session in your home. All levels of experience as well as those new to yoga are welcome. During this session we will put together a yoga practice tailored to your individual needs for you to do on your own. We will practice yoga asana (poses), breathing and relaxation to help reduce stress, relieve aches and pains, and improve strength and flexibility.

Donor: Asya Haikin

Minimum Bid: \$45.00

103 Learn Vegetable Gardening

Organic farmer Mark Israel will provide hands-on instructions and advice on growing a robust vegetable garden - he'll even come to your backyard to look at your land show you how to make sure his tips will work for you!

Donor: Mark Israel & Judith Lesser

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

104 Bicycle Tune-Up

Is your bike sitting and collecting dust? Is the bike's poor condition one of your excuses for not riding it? If so, bid on this item and get your bike tuned by an experienced (but not professional) bike mechanic. Tuning includes brake and shifter tuning, chain cleaning, cable replacement, and brake pad replacement. Allow 3 weeks for tuning due to mechanic's busy schedule.

Donor: Nate Weisz

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

105 A Birthday Party for Your Special Girl

Does your little girl have a birthday party coming up? Lisa, Claire and Isabel Sanfuentes 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.

Donor: Lisa Sanfuentes

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

Beth Chai Gatherings

Gathering Schedule

218	Small Plates and Small Talk - dinner with Art Blecher and Jim Clay	Friday, April 29
211	Margarita Madness	Saturday, April 30
212	Game Time with Yevgeniya and Aaron	Saturday, April 30
205	Celebrate Spring with a Trail Hike and Picnic	Saturday, May 7
215	Wine and Cheese Reception for Eight	Saturday, May 14
220	Caribbean Party	Saturday, May 14
201	Champagne Brunch in Richmond	Sunday, May 22
217	Poker with the Parskys	Saturday, June 4
219	Homemade Thai Vegetarian Buffet	Sunday, June 12
202	Be a Better Mixologist - Beth Chai Boozer '11	Saturday, June 18
203	Board Games - Not Just for Kids Anymore!	Saturday, July 23
214	Summer Dinner at Mark Israel's Organic Farm	Sunday, July 24 or August 28
207	Poker Tournament	TBD - May or June
209	Brunch with the Oliwa Family	TBD - Spring or Summer
222	Zorba Zeus & Zest - Greek-style Dinner	TBD - Spring or Summer
216	Wine Tasting Party: Have Fun and Explore Your Wine Palate	TBD - Summer or Fall
210	Schneerpino Dinner	TBD - Fall or Winter
206	Hannukah with the Vigdors	TBD - December
204	Mahjong Night	TBD
208	An Evening of Chocolate	TBD
213	A Tree Tour at Mark Israel's Organic Farm	TBD
221	Family Fondue Party	TBD

201 Champagne Brunch in Richmond

Journey down to Virginia's capital to enjoy a champagne brunch with Tom and Susan Lubman-Edwards on Sunday, May 22, 2011. No limit on number of attendees!

Donor: Tom Edwards & Susan Lubman-Edwards

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

202 Be a Better Mixologist - Beth Chai Boozer '11

Greetings to my fellow imbibers! We've done whisky (3x), Bourbon, Rhum, Gin - we're running out of possibilities! One thing I'm running out of is space in the liquor cabinet, so rather than add new bottles, we're going to try to empty a few from the last couple years.

Our perennial guest host Jake Parrott (Ledroit Brands, LLC) is going to lead us in a hands-on class to make us better mixologists. We'll prep, mix, stir, shake, flip - and of course drink our fabulous creations. 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, June 18th at 7:30pm.

Top 8 Bidders will attend.

Donor: Daniel Korn & Rachel Silber

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

203 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 23rd. 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 will attend.

Donor: Daniel Korn & Rachel Silber

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

204 Mahjong Night

Join Marji Ross and Chuck Amante for an evening of that classic Jewish brain-teaser: Mahjong! Three couples will join Marji and Chuck for winds, dragons, flowers -accompanied, of course, by Chinese food for dinner. As one of last year's winners said "I have a whole new appreciation for those little old Jewish ladies in Florida."

Top 3 bidding couples will attend.

Donor: Marjory Ross

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

205 Celebrate Spring with a Trail Hike and Picnic

Join some Beth Chai friends on Saturday, May 7, 2011, 10:00 AM (rain date is May 14), for a moderate-difficulty 4 mile hike along the Billy Goat Trail near Great Falls, followed by a well-deserved picnic.

We'll park at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center and take the loop trail, returning to the picnic area for lunch. We will provide the picnic and pay your parking fee!

See this website for a description of the hike and the location:

<http://www.midatlantichikes.com/id163.html>

Top 10 bidders will attend.

Donor: Lisa Spain & Bob Finkelstein

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

206 Hannukah with the Vigdors

A Hannukah feast for up to eight 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 brisket, and Billy's specialty is. . .well, we'll find out!

Top 8 bidders will attend.

Donor: Julie Vigdor & Billy Vigdor

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

207 Poker Tournament

Join BC member and semi-professional poker player Isaac Shapiro for a rousing tournament of no-limit Texas hold-em poker! One table tourney, winner gets a poker book and an hour of poker instruction suitable to his/her tastes. The event will be held on a mutually agreed upon Saturday night in May or June.

Top 7 bidders will attend.

Donor: Isaac Shapiro

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

208 An Evening of Chocolate

Join us at our house around 7 PM for chocolate desserts. For kids we'll make homemade hot chocolate and brownie sundaes. Adults will be served something more elegant, like chocolate mousse. Event will be held on a mutually agreeable date.

One winning family bid.

Donor: Tracey Marks & Michael Gravitz

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

209 Brunch with the Oliwa Family

Join the Oliwa family for brunch! We love to cook and can accommodate most allergy and food restrictions. We do have 2 resident cats. The event will take place on a mutually agreed upon spring or summer weekend.

Top 2 bidding families will attend.

Donor: Suzanne Oliwa & Michael Oliwa

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

210 Schneerpino Dinner

You may have heard of the San Francisco seafood soup Cioppino, but now you need not travel far to enjoy Schneerpino, Matt Schmeer's interpretation in Matt and Sara's Takoma Park home. Last years' high bidders were served lobster tail, scallops, shrimp, claims, and fish in a tomato-seafood broth (and there was plenty for second helpings), as well as sourdough bread, salad, a choice of red or white wine (and non-alcoholic beverages) and a homemade flourless chocolate cake. The meal will be dairy free (or dairy free alternatives will be offered). This dinner will be offered during the Fall or Winter on a mutually agreeable Saturday evening.

Top 6 bidding couples will attend.

Donor: Matthew Schmeer & Sara Duke

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

211 Margarita Madness

Join Tracey Goldman and Andrew Strongin as they welcome spring with the perfect margaritas. Plenty of pupusas and other tasty treats to wash them down. Event is on Saturday, April 30th at 7:30 PM

Top 8 bidders will attend.

Donor: Tracey Goldman & Andrew Strongin

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

212 Game Time with Yevgeniya and Aaron

A fun-filled afternoon of board games for adults and children. The available games will include Bananagrams, Apples to Apples, Set, Munchkin (several types), Illuminati, and many others. Children's games, such as Candyland and Sorry, will be available as well. Any extra games are welcome, as long as they are board or card games (i.e. no electronics). Pizza and snacks will be provided. The event will be held at Yevgeniya's parents' house in North Potomac on Saturday, April 30th at 3pm. Please bid separately for adults and children; children must be old enough to play board games.

Unlimited bidders will attend.

Donor: Yevgeniya Nusinovich & Aaron Ucko

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

213 A Tree Tour at Mark Israel's Organic Farm

Many years in the making, Mark Israel's tree park in the north field outside of his organic garden is finally taking shape. (Mark explains: "My idea of a tree park is a space where selected fine trees are given room to grow naturally without the crowding that is common in our overgrown woods.") Mark will talk about the trees and their characteristics, and point out several examples of how not to treat trees. Also featured: two 300-plus-year-old American Beech trees on the neighboring farm that are worth seeing, from a little distance. Also take a look at Mark's garden to see how the weather has changed and how differently things have been growing, including the new bugs and diseases and the imported pest weeds!

Top 20 bidders will attend.

Donor: Mark Israel & Judith Lesser

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

214 Summer Dinner at Mark Israel's Organic Farm

Summer Dinner at Mark Israel's Organic Farm for two families. The winning families must choose between July 24 or August 28 as the date for their dinner.

Donor: Mark Israel & Judith Lesser

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

215 Wine and Cheese Reception for 8

Nothing formal or highfalutin': just a sampling of wines and cheeses we hope will complement the conversation. Offerings will be substantial enough to constitute a meal, so come hungry! (And thirsty!) Expect French and Spanish products. Event will be held on May 14 at the Jacobson/Petrisko home.

Top 8 bidders will attend.

Donor: Kenneth Jacobson & Mary Ellen Petrisko

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

216 Wine Tasting Party: Have Fun and Explore Your Wine Palate

As the saying goes, "wine gets better with age-the older I get, the more I like it." Join Elise and Craig Hughes for an evening of wine tasting, light fare, and easy conversation. Up to ten bidders will sample a variety of wines and explore the role of the palate in appreciating wines. We'll taste multiple examples of several popular varietals and discuss the differing taste sensations experienced as we consider: Oaked or un-oaked? Fruit-forward or rich and buttery? What difference does aeration make? And more. But don't worry. While wine may be serious business, this will be a chance to kick back and relax. No wine snobbery here! Event will be held on a Saturday in summer or early fall on a mutually agreeable date.

Top 10 bidders will attend.

Donor: Craig Hughes & Elise Browne Hughes

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

217 Poker with the Parskys

A sophisticated evening for couples consisting of carbs, corks and cards. Think you're a card shark, or are you waiting to get lucky? Join us and lighten your wallet! Wine, beer, cards and chips! Bring your Lucky Lady or your Debonair Gentleman and a poker face. We will play many varieties of 7-card stud: "Dealer's Choice!" Don't pull from your savings account: we will play Nickel-Dime- with protective measures designed to make everyone a winner. Come hungry, and just in case you have ideas: Strip poker is out! The event will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 7pm.

Top 20 winners will attend.

Donor: Parsky Family

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

218 Small Plates and Small Talk - a dinner mixer with Art Blecher and Jim Clay

Join Beth Chai Rabbi Art Blecher and his spouse Jim Clay for dining and socializing. With each of the six courses, you will change tables and dining companions for a lively evening. The dinner will take place on Friday, April 29th at 7 pm.

Top 10 bidders will attend.

Donor: Arthur Blecher & James Clay

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

219 Homemade Thai Vegetarian Buffet

Enjoy a tasty home-made Thai vegetarian buffet with the Megginson-Dubner family on Sunday, June 12th.

Top 6 bidders will attend.

Donor: Julia Dubner & Peter Megginson

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

220 Caribbean Party

Join us on the evening of Saturday, May 14, for a celebration of Caribbean food and music. Expect tasty (yes, including spicy) dishes developed by the diverse peoples that make up island culture...with drinks and music to match. You will also learn the story behind some of the traditional foods introduced or created over the past 400 years.

Top 8 bidders (adults only) will attend.

Donor: Lesli Romain & Karen Feinstein

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

221 Family Fondue Party

Join the Hemel Family (Brandon, Tracy, Alex - age 6, and Sammy - age 3) for a night of bubbly cheese and decadent chocolate. The event will take place on a mutually agreed upon evening for delightful fun as we partake in our own Melting Pot.

Top 2 winning families will attend.

Donor: Brandon Hemel & Tracy Hemel

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

222 Zorba Zeus & Zest - Greek-style Dinner

Join Pat Lovenhart and Cal George for dinner and festivities on a Saturday night this Spring or Summer on a mutually agreed-upon date at their home near Tysons Corner. We'll have Pat's Pastitso and fixings - wine, olives, cheeses, dolmades, baklava. (Note: if you have allergies, we have cats and dogs.)

Top 4 bidders will attend.

Donor: Pat Lovenhart & Calvin George

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

Books/CDs/DVDs

301 National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers

Twenty-five thematic maps show climate, vegetation, population density, endangered species, world economies, and more. There is also a good explanation of the types of maps and how to read a map. The section for each continent starts with a physical and a political map; sandwiched between are four pages of color photos. Regions or countries are divided into 32 separate maps that show 20 political and physical features plus icons for crops, industries, and other aspects of the economy. Maps are generally large and very easy to read, although in some cases-Western Europe, for example-countries are crowded onto a single map, and some information is lost in the gutter. Each map is accompanied by flags and facts about each country's area, population, capital, and chief language. The U.S. maps come with similar information for the states. Grades 3-7

Top 2 bidders will each win an atlas.

Donor: Mark Bauman/Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

302 National Geographic Family Reference Atlas (book)

A modern atlas demands not just state-of-the-art cartography but a vast array of information organized clearly, efficiently, and above all, usefully-and that's what 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.

Readers learn about the planet itself-landforms, the biosphere, continental drift, environmental change-and the human world's many dimensions, from political, religious, and economic data to population trends and the effect of globalization. The atlas even reaches beyond Earth to explore the solar system, the Milky Way, and the Universe.

Donor: Mark Bauman/Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

303 National Geographic's Love (book)

Featuring Photography by Josef Koudelka, David Allen Harvey, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Elliott Erwitt, Martin Parr, etc

Donor: Mark Bauman/Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

304 Tornado Hunter (book)

Of nature's weapons, tornadoes are among the most unforgiving, and here's an unforgettable portrait of these storms and one extraordinary man who challenged them-and produced the first-ever photographs snatched from a rampaging twister's black heart.

Donor: Mark Bauman/Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

305 Gospel of Judas (book)

For 1,600 years its message lay hidden.

When the bound papyrus pages of this lost gospel finally reached scholars who could unlock its meaning, they were astounded. Here was a gospel that had not been seen since the early days of Christianity, and which few experts had even thought existed-a gospel told from the perspective of Judas Iscariot, history's ultimate traitor. And far from being a villain, the Judas that emerges in its pages is a hero.

Discovered by farmers in the 1970s in Middle Egypt, the codex containing the gospel was bought and sold by antiquities traders, secreted away, and carried across three continents, all the while suffering damage that reduced much of it to fragments. In 2001, it finally found its way into the hands of a team of experts who would painstakingly reassemble and restore it.

Donor: Mark Bauman/Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$7.00

306 Africa's Wildlife DVD Collection

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: \$35.00

307 The Ultimate National Geographic DVD Collection

National Geographic: 30 Years of National Geographic Specials, National Geographic: Nature's Fury, National Geographic: Secrets of the Titanic, National Geographic: Surviving Everest, National Geographic: The Battle for Midway, National Geographic: The Photographers, National Geographic: Tigers of the Snow

Donor: Mark Bauman/Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$35.00

308 National Geographic's Penguin DVD Bundle: March of the Penguins & Emperors of the Ice

March of the Penguins instantly qualifies as a wildlife classic, taking its place among other extraordinary films like Microcosmos and Winged Migration. French filmmaker Luc Jacquet and his devoted crew endured a full year of extreme conditions in Antarctica to capture the life cycle of Emperor penguins on film, and their diligence is evident in every striking frame of this 80-minute documentary. Narrated in soothing tones by Morgan Freeman, the film focuses on a colony of hundreds of Emperors as they return, in a single-file march of 70 miles or more, to their frozen breeding ground, far inland from the oceans where they thrive.

Emperors of the Ice -- In the frozen wilderness of Antarctica, where oceans ice over and just staying alive is an achievement, one creature has perfected the art of survival - the emperor penguin. Emperor penguins are sublimely built to conquer the cold - but in a world threatened by climate change, can they take the heat? Using Crittercam, scientists take a virtual ride under the ice with the emperor penguin to study the impact of climate change on the penguin's world.

Donor: Mark Bauman/Karen Martin

Minimum Bid: \$13.00

309 Vintage Sheet Music

Sheet music with attractive covers from the early 1900's.

Donor: Flora Wolf

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

310 Catherine Foster by H.E. Bates, London, 1932

Florin Books edition (linen-bound small-format). A psychological novel showing Bates's love of early 20th Century Northamptonshire.

Donor: David Shapiro & Mary Jo Shapiro

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

Food and Treats

401 Home-made Dog Biscuits

Dog lovers!! Stop feeding your beloved Fido those store-bought cardboard treats, filled with red dye number 4 and mysterious ingredients that can only be pronounced by chemistry professors. Your four-legged companion should be munching on healthful, nutritious, baked-not-fried treats, and you can find them at the Beth Chai auction. Your doggie will love you for it!

Donor: Diane Page & Fred Mittelman

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

402 Burrito Party for 10

Chipotle will provide you with gourmet burritos (or tacos, salad, or burrito bowl), plus chips and guacamole, and a fountain soda.
(For 10)

Donor: Chipotle

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

403 \$25 Gift Certificate from Tara Thai

Donor: Tara Thai

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

404 Middle Eastern Delight

Dinner for two certificate (\$60) to Lebanese Taverna Bethesda restaurant.

Donor: Lebanese Taverna of Bethesda

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

405 \$50 Gift Certificate to Mama Lucia's Restaurant

Donor: Mama Lucia's Restaurant

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

406 \$25 Uncle Julio's Certificate

Enjoy a \$25 certificate at Uncle Julio's Fine Mexican Food Restaurants

Donor: Uncle Julio's Restuarants

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

407 \$25 Certificate at Saveur India Restaurant

Donor: Saveur India Restaurant

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

For The Home

501 Sushi Dish/Sauce Plate Combo

Fused glass sushi dish with sauce plate and chopsticks. Hand wash with soap and water, and do not put anything hot on glass.

Donor: Jerilyn Schweitzer

Minimum Bid: \$35.00

502 Set of Two Hammered steel Thai serving bowls

Beautiful, brand new (never used or opened) set of two hammered stainless steel decorative serving bowls from Thailand.

The two bowls are approximately 8" and 5 1/2" in diameter, respectively.

Donor: Maddy Ellis & Jim Ellis

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

503 Handheld Mini Digital Video Camera

Palm Sized Mini Video Camera and Music Player.
Comes with charger, USB cable and video output to RCA input cables.

Donor: Brandon Hemel & Tracy Hemel

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

504 Original painting, "Pitcher of Lemonade" by artist/member Laurie Breen

Sweet little still-life of a pitcher and lemons to brighten your home. Acrylic with collage and mixed media on paper, mounted & matted with acid-free matboard, 10" x 8" (17" x 15" with mat). If desired, Laurie will frame it for the winning bidder at cost.

You can see the piece before the auction on Laurie's website, lauriebreen.com.

Donor: Laurie Breen

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

505 Adopt a Snowy Owl

The snowy owl is unique in its coloring and appearance. Although it is not the tallest owl in North America, the snowy owl is the heaviest. Look for snowy owls year round in northern Alaska and during the winter in southern Alaska, New England and states bordering Canada. They like to hunt in open fields, prairies and farms. They can be seen perched on surrounding trees, waiting for prey to make a move. Snowy owls hunt by sight and sound, so even animals crawling through deep snow are fair game for this skilled aerial hunter. Habitat loss is one of the biggest threats to the snowy owls survival.

With your adoption of a snowy owl, you will receive a 12" plush owl, a Certificate of Adoption, a poster and a photo calendar magnet.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$22.00

506 Adopt an Arctic Fox

Arctic foxes don't mind the cold or harsh brutal winters in the Alaskan and Canadian tundra. While other species try to survive the winter by going into hibernation, the arctic fox stays above ground hunting for prey year round. They change coloring with the seasons. In the winter they have all white or bluish-white fur that helps them with camouflage in the snowy tundra. In the short summer season they lose the white fur on their backs and it is replaced with a grayish-brown fur.

Help support wildlife conservation and Beth Chai by adopting an arctic fox, and receive a 9" plush arctic fox, a Certificate of Adoption, and a poster.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

507 Adopt a Baby Koala

Though often called the koala "bear," this cuddly animal is not a bear at all; it is a marsupial, or pouched mammal. After giving birth, a female koala carries her baby in her pouch for about six months. When the infant emerges, it rides on its mother's back or clings to her belly, accompanying her everywhere until it is about a year old. Koalas live in eastern Australia, where the eucalyptus trees they love are most plentiful. In fact, they rarely leave these trees, and their sharp claws and opposable digits easily keep them aloft. During the day they doze, tucked into forks or nooks in the trees, sleeping for up to 18 hours.

When you adopt this baby koala, you will receive an 8" plush animal, a Certificate of Adoption, a story card, a travel suitcase, a map and stickers.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$22.00

508 Adopt a Baby Panda

Giant pandas have lived in the bamboo forests of China for millions years and have been honored by the Chinese for a very long time. In fact, giant pandas have appeared in Chinese art for thousands of years. Because the giant panda is considered a national treasure in China, it is protected by law so that it does not become extinct. Although giant pandas have long been known to the Chinese, they are a recent discovery for people living outside of China. The first westerner to observe a live giant panda in the wild was a German zoologist named Hugo Weigold. In 1916, he bought a cub while he was on expedition.

Along with a plush 8" baby panda, the winning bidder will receive a Certificate of Adoption, a story card, a travel suitcase, a map and stickers.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$22.00

509 Adopt a Sea Turtle

The Kemp's Ridley is the smallest sea turtle at 30 inches long and weighing 80 to 100 pounds. The largest sea turtle is the leatherback - an adult can reach over six and a half feet long and weigh over 2,000 pounds.

Adopt a sea turtle at the auction and receive a 9" plush turtle, a Certificate of Adoption, a photo and a fun facts sheet.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

510 Adopt a Tiger

Tiger Fun Fact: Tigers are very good swimmers and have been known to kill prey while swimming. Right now, tigers are facing major threats -- including poaching and habitat destruction - - that have put them on the path to extinction. Illegal logging and human encroachment are also destroying vital forest habitat that tigers and their cubs need to survive. Without adequate habitat, these majestic great cats may soon disappear from the wild.

Adopt your tiger and help save their environment! You will receive an 8" plush tiger, a Certificate of Adoption, a photo and a fun facts sheet.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

511 Adopt an Ice House Penguin

With their tuxedo-like plumage and charming good looks, penguins have become big stars on the Big Screen. But behind the glitz and glamour is a tragic story: Penguin populations have decreased by nearly 80 percent in some areas, and most scientists agree that rising temperatures due to global warming are the primary culprit. The largest of the penguins is the famous Emperor Penguin, which can weigh up to 60 lbs and stand as tall as 3 feet. During breeding season, male Emperors are dedicated incubators of their eggs until hatching, and can go as long as 15 weeks without eating.

The winning bidder will receive an adorable 5" plush penguin with it's own ice house, a Certificate of Adoption, a photo, a fun facts sheet, and a wildlife activity book.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

512 Adopt an Ice House Polar Bear

No, polar bears and penguins don't really live in igloos, of course! However, they do both rely on ice for their survival. Polar bears are entirely reliant on sea ice as a platform from which to hunt, and without it they can starve or drown. At birth, polar bear cubs are 12 to 14 inches long and weigh around one pound. Fully grown, they may reach 1700 pounds.

Your adoption of an ice house polar bear comes with a 5" plush polar bear in it's own ice house, a Certificate of Adoption, a photo, a fun facts sheet, and a wildlife activity book.

Donor: Elizabeth Thede & Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

Gift Baskets

601 A tour of Chile, via Wine, of Course!

Four wonderful wines from the famed Chilean winery, Terra Andea.

2009 Sauvignon Blanc - The perfect aperitif

2009 Sauvignon Blanc Reserva - Pair with seafood

2008 Chardonnay - Lovely with roast chicken

2008 Carmenere - A Big red wine for steak or lamb

Donor: Scott Greenberg & Cindy Welsh

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

602 Another tour of Chile, via RED Wine!

Three Big Red wines from the Organic Chilean winery, Eco Balance.

2008 Merlot - Soft, supple with a touch of red berry and plum

2008 Carmenere - Spicy and bold with a hint of bell pepper on the finish

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon - Big and rich, blackberry, cassis and a smooth finish

Donor: Scott Greenberg & Cindy Welsh

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

603 A tour of Chile, Via Wine

Two Hot blooded wines from the high altitude Argentinean winery, Finca la Linda.

2009 Chardonnay Unoaked - fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks so the true nature of the beautiful chardonnay fruit shines through.

2008 Cabernet Sauvignon - Balanced and bold with rich flavors of black fruit. Argentina is famous for steak and this wine is a great choice to pair with one.

Donor: Scott Greenberg & Cindy Welsh

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

604 Craft Basket Chock Full of Goodies

Tools, materials and instructions to inspire and equip anyone, age 10 and above, to create delightful objects in three different mediums. This would be an ideal gift for the budding craftsperson.

Donor: Karen Feinstein

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

605 Action Movie DVD Gift Basket

Three Action Movies on DVD.

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

Donor: Brandon Hemel & Tracy Hemel

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

Jewelry

701 Handmade Glass Pendant

Fused glass pendant on leather cord

Donor: Jerilyn Schweitzer

Minimum Bid: \$14.00

702 Fused Glass Mezzuzah

Donor: Terri Silver

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

703 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - shades of aqua

Amazonite aqua beads, fancy Jasper smoky green rondelle, Sterling silver earwire

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

704 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - grey and white

Freshwater white and grey pearls with sterling spacers, Sterling silver earwire

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

705 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - grey and garnet

Freshwater deep red and grey pearls touched with small garnet and black onyx beads, Sterling silver earwire

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

706 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - shades of blue

Sapphire AB Swarovski crystals, pink/blue Czech German bead, tiny blue onyx, Sterling silver earwire

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

707 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - dark aqua and green

Amazonite dark aqua beads, fancy Jasper smoky green rondelle, brass spacers. Gold-filled earwire

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

708 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - dark red and grey

Red and grey freshwater pearls interlaced with small garnet and black onyx beads. Sterling silver earwire

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$18.00

709 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - shades of purple and pink

Rose etched glass bead with iridescent blue coating above wood saucer. Sterling silver earwire.

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$11.00

710 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - light blue

Vintage opaque etched bead above a glass tube. Sterling silver earwire.

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$11.00

711 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - opaque turquoise and white

Swarovski crystal beads, turquoise glass bead above vintage glass leaf. Loop at the bottom. Sterling silver earwire.

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$11.00

712 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - shades of aqua

AB Swarovski crystal beads above and below a striped glass tube. Sterling silver earwire.

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$11.00

713 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - bold aqua and turquoise

Faceted teardrop glass bead above a deep turquoise fossil bead. Sterling silver earwire.

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

714 One-of-a-kind LovenART earrings - shades of purple and pink (2 pairs)

Glass beads in shades ranging from pink to rose surrounding purple wood saucer. Sterling silver earwire.

Czech cherry red matte glass beads. Sterling silver earwire.

Donor: Pat Lovenhart

Minimum Bid: \$17.00

Memberships

801 Family Membership to the 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 are 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: \$40.00

Music

901 A Concert in Your Living Room

Song leader Hannah Spiro will bring music to your home as she performs a concert of Jewish music - both her own original compositions and your favorites as well. Great entertainment to build an evening around!

Donor: Hannah Shapiro

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

902 A Musical Night with a Jazz 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 (keyboard) & Lee Arbetman (saxophone) along with a bass player perform with their new jazz trio at your event.

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

Donor: Lee Arbetman & Howie Feinstein

Minimum Bid: \$100.00

Need Some Advice?

1001 Puzzled about Social Security?

Wondering if you should take benefits at 62 or wait until you are older? Can you get spousal benefits even if you are divorced? These and other complexities of the giant retirement and disability system will be explained in simple English. Bob Rosenblatt wrote about Social Security for the Los Angeles Times, and has trained reporters in these issues through the National Press Foundation workshops and the National Academy of Social Insurance. One hour consultation.

Donor: Bob Rosenblatt

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

1002 Puzzled about Medicare?

Bob Rosenblatt will help you navigate the system, if you are new to Medicare, or have been enrolled for years. Advice on whether to pick an HMO, how you select a Medi-gap supplemental policy, and how to choose a prescription drug plan. Bob covered these issues for the Los Angeles Times, and is a fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance, where he writes and trains reporters on covering retirement and health issues. One Hour consultation

Donor: Bob Rosenblatt

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

1003 Need Some Editing Help?

Bob Rosenblatt, free-lance writer and editor, will take a look at your manuscript, or memoir, or article, and offers suggestions to make it a fine piece of prose.

Bob is a journalist with more than 40 years experience, including 27 years as a Washington correspondent for the Los Angeles Times. One hour consultation.

Donor: Bob Rosenblatt

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

1004 Smoking Cessation

Health is life's most precious gift, and this is the auction's most significant gift item: help for you or someone you care about to stop smoking. It can be done remotely-no geographic barriers. Beth Chai member Joe Gitchell, who has worked in the treatment of tobacco dependence for sixteen years, is offering a series of consultations and a course of over-the-counter stop-smoking aids designed to allow the winning bidder or a loved one kick the nicotine habit.

Benefit from Joe's experience as he guides a cessation program that includes: two 30-minute "pre-quit" telephone consultations to gauge interest and readiness to quit as well as to review the evidence on methods to support quitting; three 30-minute "in the quit" consultations over 12 weeks; and two weeks worth of over-the-counter stop-smoking aids

Donor: Joe Gitchell

Minimum Bid: \$100.00

1005 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: a one-hour consultation with Craig Pernick, Registered Investment Advisor. Craig is Managing Director at Chevy Chase Trust, an investment advisor managing over \$2.7 billion in assets.

Donor: Craig Pernick

Minimum Bid: \$100.00

1006 Knitting Lessons

Ever experience the sensual relaxation of busy fingers knitting luscious yarn into a beautiful soft scarf? Scarves are in these days - walk the halls of any high school and see them in stripes. Learn to knit simple items and to follow simple patterns. Make a comfy afghan, baby blanket, sweater, shawl....the possibilities are unlimited. Shy guys need an ice-breaker, break out your knitting in any situation where women are present! Bring your own yarn and needles after consulting with Ela. You need to learn where to get the stuff you will use, once you have this skill. Pick something that feels really good. Two lessons offered, one to get you started, and a second to help you work out the kinks. It's really easy and can transform time in boring meetings or in front of the TV into something productive.

Donor: Ela Koniuszkow

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

1007 Tutoring Services with a Professional Educator

Beth Chai's Pre-K Teacher Jessica Katz has a Master's in teaching and a wide variety of experiences with children of all ages and skill levels. Here she offers 2 hours of tutoring in one or more of the following: Literacy (including decoding and comprehension), Study Skills, English Grammar and Writing, American or British Literature, American History, European History, or Introductory Spanish. Jessica is a warm and enthusiastic teacher who will transmit her love of learning to your favorite student.

Donor: Jessica Katz

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

1008 In-home Organizing Consultation

Two hours of residential professional organizing services. Penny Catterall, founder and owner of Order Your Life professional organizing (www.orderyourlife.net), will provide a two hour in-home organizing consultation for any residential space including home office, kitchen, closets, attic or basement.

Offer expires one year from date of auction.

Donor: Peggy Catterall

Minimum Bid: \$60.00

1009 An Electrical Safety Survey for Laypersons

Yes! What you don't know CAN hurt you: You don't have to be an electrician, or a do-it yourselfer, or even particularly handy to make your home quite a bit safer with respect to the risk of electrocution, shock, and fire.

Between 2 and 4 PM on a Sunday afternoon, a group of 12 people will learn how to look--and even feel and sniff--for the most common, basic violations of rules for living with electricity. These are electrical safety rules that many people don't know or at least don't think about. There will be ample time for questions, and if time allows, we also may talk about and even look at how to avoid some of the unrecognized complications associated with "no-brainer" electrical changes often performed by handypersons.

David Shapiro is the author of Your Old Wiring and of Old Electrical Wiring, the long-time residential wiring columnist for Electrical Contractor magazine, and the author of hundreds of articles on electrical topics. A contractor, consultant and inspector, he has given talks to laypersons, electricians, and home inspectors.

Bid once per individual attending. The top twelve bidders will attend.

Donor: David Shapiro

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

1010 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

Sports and Fitness

1101 DC United - Pair of VIP Tickets

The excitement is back: DC Legend and Head Coach Ben Olsen leads a revamped team including US National Charlie Davies, sophomore sensations Chris Pontius and Andy Najar, and fan favorite locals like Santino Quaranta and Bill Hamid.

Enjoy a pair of lower-deck midfield seats to the Saturday August 13th, 7:30pm match against the expansion Vancouver Whitecaps. Also included is a VIP parking pass for Lot 5, just steps from your seats.

Donor: Daniel Korn

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

1102 Exercise Shortcuts

Too busy to exercise? Learn shortcuts! Beth Chai member Brenna Hirsch will teach you how to spend only 10 minutes a day or less to Flatten stomach and Stretch, strengthen and tone your body. She can also prepare a folder with reminder pictures, show you and provide information on aerobics and diet.

Donor: Al Hirsch & Brenna Hirsch

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

1103 Hark the Raven

Baltimore Ravens Autographed Mega Ball: CB Josh Wilson #37

Donor: Baltimore Ravens

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

1104 A Lucky Puck

Michal Neuvirth Autographed Washington Capitals Game Puck

Donor: Washington Capitals, National Hockey League

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

1105 Washington Nationals Jersey

Washington Nationals Jersey, size XL, Genuine Merchandise by Majestic Brand

Donor: Michele McNally

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

Theatre and Performing Arts

1201 Wayside Theater - Two Tickets for 2011-2012 50th Anniversary Season

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 2011-2012 include: Reunion, A Musical Epic in Miniature, The Nerd, Steel Magnolias, The Woman in Black, Smoke on the Mountain, Greater Tuna, 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 or Friday evening performance between 6/4/2011 and 4/28/12, excluding the Christmas production.

Donor: Wayside Theater

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

1202 Strathmore-Two Tickets to any performance

Enjoy two tickets for any performance until 3/13/2012, except: Kris Kristofferson, Johnny Mathis, Patti Labelle, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, National Philharmonic

Donor: Strathmore

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

1203 Two Tickets for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

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. Performances at: Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall | 1212 Cathedral Street | Baltimore , MD 21201

Donor: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

1204 Metro Stage, Two Tickets to Any Performance

MetroStage is the oldest professional theatre 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: Metro Stage

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

1205 Imagination Stage- Two Tickets

Enjoy tickets for two to any performance before August 14, 2011.

Donor: Imagination Stage

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

1206 Four Movie Passes to the AFI Silver Theater and Cultural Center

Donor: American Film Institute Silver Theater

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

1207 Experience the "Joy of Motion!"

(1) Gift card redeemable at any of Joy of Motion's three locations: Atlas Performing Arts Center, Bethesda and Friendship Heights.

Donor: Joy Of Motion

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

1208 Two tickets to National Geographic Live

Enjoy a pair of tickets for the National Geographic Live program screening of MUSIC ON FILM- Melali: The Drifter Sessions, Sat. April 30 at 7 :30 PM. See page 14 of brochure.

Donor: National Geographic

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

1209 Movie and Dessert Night

Two Tickets to the Regal Bethesda Movie Theater and a \$25 Gift Certificate to Haagen Dazs

Donor: Matt Gandal & Trina Gandal

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

1210 Two Tickets for the Celebrando Cantigas: One Heart, Many Voices

On June 4, 2011 at 7:30 pm come celebrate 20 years of passionate songs, infectious rhythms, and dynamic collaborations with renowned artists. A multimedia festivity including commissioned premieres by Puerto Rican composers, Enrique Bayoan and Sonia Morales; and the stories behind our musical journey. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851.

Donor: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

1211 Two Tickets to Adventure Theater

Enjoy two tickets to a show at Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park.

Donor: Glen Echo Park

Minimum Bid: \$12.00

1212 A pair of tickets to Opera Lafayette's performance of Handel's "Acis and Galatea"

A pair of tickets to Opera Lafayette's April 3 preview performance of Handel's "Acis and Galatea" at the Atlas Performing Arts Center. Opera Lafayette is finishing their 16th season, and though normally performs at the Kennedy Center, is proud to present this preview at the Atlas. The Atlas is the only community-based performing arts center in Washington, is located in a historic movie theatre complex on H Street in Near Northeast D.C., a once-vibrant corridor of the city that was devastated by riots in 1968, but has recently emerged as one of the hippest revitalized neighborhoods in the city.

Donor: Opera Lafayette

Minimum Bid: \$25.00