

Welcome to the last month of 2022, a year that has seen us continuing to return to normal as the coronavirus pandemic abates.

Before we list this month's Men's Club activities, a reminder that this **Sunday, Dec. 4**, is B'nai Israel's annual Mitzvah Day, running from 10 a.m. to noon, after morning minyan. The Men's Club will help unload and sort clothing donations to the Interfaith Center. If you're interested in volunteering, we'd love to see you.

We also need volunteers to drop off the donations during the day Tuesdays through Fridays or on Saturday morning. If you can help, please contact Yvonne Klinger at yvonne.klinger@gmail.com.

The day after Mitzvah Day, **Monday, Dec. 5**, is the synagogue's annual blood drive, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You can sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Bnaisrael>. If you have any questions or have problems using the sign-up sheet, please contact Rob Loewy at rkloewy@gmail.com.

Also, please don't forget to sign up for an open part at our annual Men's Club Shabbat, scheduled for **Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023**. We especially need Torah readers. The link is at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DA8A82F4-mens2>

Here's what's coming up this month:

ROMEO DINNER

Our next informal dinner for Men's Club members is scheduled for **Tuesday, Dec. 6**, at Fontina Grille, 801 Pleasant Dr. in Rockville. Participants pay their own way. If interested, please contact Mark Berlin at berlin.potomac@gmail.com by **Friday, Dec. 2**.

ABRAHAM ACCORDS

Join us for dinner beginning at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 8**, as Scott Edelman, a retired diplomat, and Hussain Abdul-Hussain, a researcher for the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, discuss the historic agreement among Israel and several Arab countries.

Please RSVP by **Monday, Dec. 5**, to co-president Alan Isenberg at alanisenberg_rph@yahoo.com. Co-sponsored with the Sisterhood.

ASK THE DOCTOR...WITH CANCER EXPERT DR. NANCY MARKUS

Dr. Nancy Markus will discuss cancer-causing genes among both men and women in the Jewish population, including BRCA1 and BRCA2, in this Zoom presentation co-sponsored by the Sisterhood.

To register, go to <https://www.bnaisraelcong.org/event/askthedoctor> by Monday, Dec. 12. The Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

THE LATER MAIMONIDES

Rabbi Mitch Berkowitz and Benson Goldstein will discuss the later works of Rabbi Moses ben Maimon, better known as Maimonides. They'll discuss where he lived and his writings towards the end of his life. The breakfast program, co-sponsored by the Sisterhood, begins at 10 a.m. **Sunday, Dec. 18**, after morning minyan.

Admission is free but registration is required by **Wednesday, Dec. 14**, to alanisenberg_rph@yahoo.com

CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER

Celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah over Chinese food from David Chu's beginning at 7 p.m **Friday, Dec. 23**, following the 6:15 p.m. Friday night services. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. To register, go to <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/HanukkahShabbatDinner2022>.

The deadline to register is **Wednesday, Dec. 14**.

SHAMASH AWARD

Nominations are due **Friday, Dec. 30**, for the second annual Shamash Award, which the Men's Club will hand out at Men's Club Shabbat in February 2023. The award is designed to recognize the congregant or congregants who have contributed their time or effort to help others or work for an important cause. For details or to make a nomination. go to <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/shamashaward>.

Any questions? Please contact award committee chair David Sotsky at dsotsky1@gmail.com.

NEXT MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Our next board meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, Jan. 8**, at 10 a.m. after morning minyan. Bring program ideas and other suggestions. All members are welcome.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year.

Jonathan and Alan