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**REGULAR MEETING, SUNDAY, 5 February 2012, 10:30AM,
RING HOUSE, 1801 E. JEFFERSON ST., ROCKVILLE MD 20852**

**PROGRAM: Marshall Sneiderman
PROJECT AZORIAN - RAISING THE SOVIET SUBMARINE K-129**



Please forgive the return to our old newsletter format (and my old photo) - it will only be for this issue as our editor, Marshall Sneiderman is away and will not return in time to get this issue out to you. Although the turnout at our last meeting was not as large as I had hoped, we did have a good group come to visit the Historic 6th & I Street Synagogue. Our host, Department of DC chaplain Mike Bloom provided us with a detailed history of the synagogue, its architecture and the uniqueness of its Bima and Ark.

Those of you who attended the January meeting know that Past Commander Walter Gold is collecting names of individuals who are interested in volunteering at least one day a month at the Hebrew Home to put into action our theme of service. If you haven't signed up, please do. Also, I need to get names of individuals interested in being interviewed for a Bat Mitzvah project being taken by the two daughters of Valerie Hackman in honor of their grandfather. If you are interested, please let me know.

We have an excellent program for this meeting. Only recently declassified, the raising of the sunken Soviet submarine, K-129, by the Glomar Explorer in 1974, has been called one of the greatest engineering feats in history. Our own Marshall Sneiderman, who was involved in this project will present this history making event to us. This is a meeting you won't want to miss. We will also have as a guest, Ms. Mary Westley, the Assistant Administrator of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, who may have a few words about upcoming Museum programs and ongoing changes to the Museum's permanent display.

Lastly, I want to welcome Jacob Bergman, our newest member. Jacob served with Patton's 3rd Army and was with him from Normandy to Austria.

Sheldon Goldberg, Commander

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DATES TO REMEMBER

8 Feb - Tu Bishvat

12 Feb - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

14 Feb - Valentine's Day

15 Feb - Post Board Meeting - 7:15PM Georgetown Village Community Room—11410 Strand, Rockville, MD - all members welcome

20 Feb - President's Day

22 Feb - George Washington's Birthday

4 Mar - Regular Post meeting & Brunch.

January Highlights

As mentioned in the Commander's

Corner, we had a very nice tour of the Historic Sixth & I Street Synagogue. Docent Michael Bloom, who is also the Chaplain for JWV's Department of DC, gave us a detailed history of the building and pointed out some of its unique features, such as an Ark with windows inside! The Synagogue was originally the home of Congregation Adas Israel, who had seceded in 1896 from the reform Washington Hebrew Congregation. In 1899, the congregation decided to build a new Synagogue and in 1905, purchased the lot at the corner of Sixth and I. Construction began in 1906 and the building was dedicated in 1908.

By 1945, however, the congregation had outgrown the building and began its move to its current location on Connecticut Ave NW. The synagogue building was acquired by the Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church in 1951, the same year the new Adas Israel Synagogue was dedicated. In 2002, Turner A.M.E. decided to relocate and spurred on by the Jewish Historical Society, Abe Polin, Shelton Zuckerman and Douglas Jemal acquire

President George W. Bush, Elie Wiesel and Leon Wieseltier, as well as Dr. Jill Biden and Representative Nancy Pelosi.



Michael Bloom and members of Post 692.



Synagogue's Ark with torahs and three windows



Sixth & I Historic Synagogue

the building and turn it into a Jewish community facility. Thus, on April 22, 2004, the building was rededicated as the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue. Since then, it has become a vibrant meeting place for the Washington area Jewish community as well as many dignitaries, such as



Stained glass window above the Bimah

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IN MEMORIAM - PHIL LEVETON

June 30, 1924 - December 21, 2011

Philip R. Leveton was an active member of Post 692 for many years until diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2007. He joined the Army Air Force shortly after World War II broke out and was trained as a radio operator and gunner. He was stationed on Tinian Island in the Pacific, from which B-29's took off to attack the Japanese mainland and where he saw the Enola Gay take off to drop the atomic bomb.

After his discharge he returned to his hometown, Toledo, attended the University of Toledo, married and became a father of two. After his wife died he moved to Maryland to work with a friend. After he was diagnosed he returned to Toledo where he died. Phil is survived by his son, David, daughter Becky Fisher, three grandchildren and his companion Elayne Flax.

ARTHUR JOSEPH

April 18, 1926 - January 20, 2012

Long-time Post 692 member Arthur Joseph passed away after a long illness. He was interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday, 22 January.

JNF Trees have been planted in their honor

Past Commander Walter Gold is looking to establish a cadre of Post 692 personnel to make regular visits to the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. Individuals will surveyed for their interests and matched against tasks the residents need help with. He has worked with the He-



Past Commander Walter Gold soliciting volunteers for the Hebrew Home

brew Home to streamline the volunteering process and will be contacting those members who have already volunteered. Interested Post members are asked to call Walter (301) 881 8810 to get involved with this needed project.

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Blanche Teitlebaum, a Post supporter, won the 50-50 raffle and donated her winnings to the Post. Thanks for your support.

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