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FJMC Torch Awards Entry Document 2005-2007

Part I. Identification Information

Submission Identifier Code: 204/205

Full Title for Entry(s):

- (1) World Wide Wrap Inspired Tefillin Teaching Module Resource Center and
- (2) World Wide Wrap VI (2006) Program

Entry Category: Category 1 "FJMC Programs"

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Club number and club name: 717; Brotherhood of Congregation Mishkan Tefila

Number of club members: 148

Synagogue name, city and state:

Congregation Mishkan Tefila
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Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Club President(s) name (at time of entry):

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Club President(s) name (at time of convention): Terry Patinkin and Russ Stein

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Date of entry submission: April 12, 2007



Part II. Summary / Press Release

Ila. Summary Information: In conjunction with our WWW-VI Program, our Brotherhood envisioned, designed, and created a dedicated "Tefillin Teaching Module" in order to serve the needs of the congregation and the religious school students throughout the year. It is situated to the right of the bimah, where we daven the weekday Shacharit service, and, as such, is available for use in the privacy and sanctity of the chapel where congregants can come to review, learn more, and teach their children about the halachot and mitzvah of tefillin. The module is mobile and can be wheeled into a classroom. Among its contents is a DVD player, a variety of DVDs, books, handouts, pamphlets and a large (300% increase in dimensions), accurate replica of a pair of tefillin, complete with an attached, laminated card identifying the tefillin components and contents.

IIb. Press Release Body with Title: A February Sunday Morning in Boston can be made warmer when you wrap yourself in the Mitzvah of Tefillin: The Sixth Annual World Wide Wrap (WWW-VI)

(Newton, MA) The Brotherhood of Congregation Mishkan Tefila was proud to participate in the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs 6th Annual World Wide Wrap. This is a day that the Federation has designated in order to encourage, facilitate, learn and teach about the mitzvah of tefillin (phylacteries). We took special strength in recognizing that on this day there were other Jews who were acutely aware of us as they donned tefillin and davened the Morning service, each in his own place, at the appropriate time.

A Special Shacharit Service was held in the Sanctuary of CMT on Sunday morning, February 5, 2006 at 9:45am. Some people arrived thirty minutes earlier to the Coppelman/Clarke Social Hall where Brotherhood members greeted them and offered kindly, respectful advice on the appropriate way to put on tefillin. The students from the upper grades of the Religious School also arrived early in order to learn. A new "Tefillin Teaching Module" had been introduced to the congregation two weeks before this event. Congregants were able to use the varied contents and modalities of the module in the privacy and sanctity of the chapel where they could review, learn more, and teach their children about the mitzvot of tefillin.

The service was led by Brotherhood members Jonathan Delatizsky and Daniel Kimmel, and featured brief words by a congregant, Donald Grenadir who related a Midrash based on a series of miraculous events that befell a co-congregant and his tefillin from Israel. Rabbi Pritzker, who also serves as the New England region Rabbi for the Federation, explained the mitzvot of tefillin and mezuzah; Dr. Davin Wolok, the Ritual Director, told how tefillin are made and worn; and Dr. Stephen Simon, the Religious School Director, discussed references in the Talmud to tefillin. A delicious Kiddush followed the service.

This year the WWW-VI committee took joy in sharing our enthusiasm and experiences with Rabbi Dov Vogel, and the congregation of The Great Synagogue, of Stockholm, Sweden; and Rabbi Dario Feiguin, of Comunidad Amijai, Buenos Aires, Argentina and his congregation; and Rabbi Claudio Jordokovsky, of The Conservative Synagogue, Bogotá, Columbia; and Rabbi Ron Hoffberg, of the Masorti Community of the Czech Republic (Praha), Prague, Czech Republic. We look forward to continuing our relationship with these Rabbis and their congregants in the future.

The Brotherhood plans to continue the opportunity to perform mitzvot that was afforded to us through our participation in the World Wide Wrap. We have distributed 18 tzdakah (charity) collection boxes to each class room in the Religious School, and to various sites in the Synagogue. The money that we collect will be sent to Rabbi Charles Simon,

Executive Director of the Federation, who will use it to donate mezuzot to South American Jewish families in need. Thereby, our congregants of many ages can perform the related mitzvot of tefillin and mezuzah. Our students can learn about the role of the sofer (scribe), the value and purpose of tzdakah, and the need for daily attention to the daily performance of good actions.

Why did we participate in the sixth annual World Wide Wrap? We, as Jews living amidst the Nations of the earth, are told that Tefillin are Israel's strength as it is written "And all the nations of the earth shall see that G-d's name is called upon you..." (Davarim 28:10, Berachos 6a). The Rambam says: Tefillin are extremely holy. While wearing them on his head and arm, a man has humility and fear of heaven; he will not be frivolous, nor speak idle talk, nor does he think bad thoughts. Rather he meditates on truth and righteous. (Hilchos Tefillin 4:25).

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Part III. Self Assessment of Entry

1. Assessment of program procedural completeness and achievement of program goals

We believe that we have completely followed appropriate procedures in the presentation to the Executive Board, and subsequently, to the General Membership of the Brotherhood of Congregation Mishkan Tefila, the purpose, concept, design, estimated costs, and possible sources of funding for the new, WWW inspired, dedicated "Tefillin Teaching Module. After I received appropriate approval for the project, as chairman of the WWW-VI committee, We met, at a single session, with the Rabbi, Executive Director, Cantor, Ritual Director, Religious School Director, Youth Director, and Nursery School Director in order to insure that we all understood to purpose, scope, and utility of the proposal. We were thus able to answer questions, entertain the participants' ideas, achieve consensus, transmit my enthusiasm, and gain a commitment from each individual to participate in the World Wide Wrap program.

Documents that are submitted in **Part IV** will support our assertions and describe our efforts.

2. Explain your presentation and document its completeness

The "Tefillin Teaching Module" was built from the IKEA EFFEKTIV Storage Series. It is medium brown, and matches the color and style of the bimah in our chapel. It has a base with lockable castors. Upon it sits two draws, each with cushioned blue velvet liners. Upon this is attached an armoire cabinet, with two interior shelves and two exterior doors which each open wide and traverse 270 degrees, so that the inside surface of the doors can display information. The front surface each door is decorated by a gold bordered, marbled green plaque on which are engraved a four-headed shin and a three-headed shin. These are situated on the left and right door, respectively. On the lower interior shelf of the cabinet is a blue velvet cloth with gold fringed trimmings, and front facing gold letters

describing that the module is a gift from the Congregation Mishkan Tefila Brotherhood New-England Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and was donated on February 5th, 2006 in conjunction with the World Wide Wrap program. There are horizontal handles on each exterior side of the cabinet; these are used when the module is moved. On the back of the cabinet, there is an electric cord bracket.

The module contains: a DVD player and a chain attached to the remote-control; a variety of DVD's, including both versions of "The Ties That Bind": a variety of books (which are also attached to the module by long chains), including "Tefillin: an illustrated guide" by Dovid Oratz (Feldheim Publishers); pamphlets and booklets produced by the Brotherhood WWW committee; handouts (in Hebrew and English) of the passages written in the tefillin. On top of the module sit an accurate replica of a pair of tefillin; these are approximately 300% enlarged.

Attached to the shel yad and shel rosh are separate laminated cards, which detail the names of the parts of the tefillin. On the interior side of each door of the cabinet are large black and white diagrams, which clearly and sequentially depict the appropriate way to put on tefillin; the diagrams are each protected by a clear sheet of plexiglass, which was specially cut for the purpose. A tzdakah box, which was part of a set of 18 that were designed for the WWW program in order to collect money for those in Latin America who are in need of tefillin and mezuzot, is placed in proximity to the module.

A triptych-like separate poster accompanies the module. This displays a Religious School graduate being instructed by our religious school director.

Documentation is provided in **Part IV** in the form of photographs, receipts and brochures.

3. What are the achievements of the program, e.g., (a) goals, (b) publicity, (c) marketing, (d) advanced planning?

The achievements of the program are as follows:

(a) Goals:

1. Successful presentation of Program vision to the Brotherhood Executive Board
2. Successful presentation of Program vision and concepts to Brotherhood General Membership and formation of a program committee
3. Successful presentation of Program vision and concepts to the synagogue Rabbi, Ritual Director, Cantor, Executive Director, Religious School Director, Pre-school Director, and Youth Director during a single comprehensive meeting
4. Completion and installation of a "Tefillin Teaching Module and Resource Center
5. Active communication withour "twin" institutions
6. Coordination with Religious School to include teaching about tefillin and mezuzah in the curriculum just prior to the program date

7. Coordination with Religious School and sofer
8. Cooperation of Religious School to participate in the FJMC Tzadakah program to donate mezuzot to Latin American families in need
9. Construction and distribution of pre-numbered designated Tzadakah boxes to the Religious School classrooms and other locations in the synagogue in order to collect money for the FJMC mezuzah project
10. Link the WWW Shacharit program to a potential Superball Sunday Brotherhood event at the synagogue by inviting a Jewish local college football player (via communication with the college Hillel organization) to the WWW in order for the player to "kick-off" at our kiddush
11. Contact the religious Jewish rap performing artist "Matsiyahu" in order to ask him if he sings a song that has a lyric which encourages wrapping oneself in the mitzvah of tefillin
12. Relay a special Midrash to the congregation about the mitzvah of tefillin that would resonate with the membership and religious school students
13. **Festive theme Kiddush**

b) Publicity:

1. U.S. mail "Save-the-Date" postcards to the congregation
2. e-mail to the congregation
3. e-mail to the Brotherhood
4. e-mail from the Religious School
5. Communication with the Sisterhood
6. Professionally designed banner
7. Distribution of flyers
8. Pre-program article in the synagogue bulletin
9. Special poster production which highlights our "twin" institutions
10. Identification and coordination with congregants who have ties to our "twin" institutions
11. Correspondence with our "twin" institutions
12. Correspondence with FJMC local, regional, national leadership and staff
13. Informal communication clergy and members of other local congregations
14. Advanced notification of local religious book stores of our event and the books and tefillin that our congregants might request
15. Insertion of flyer in the weekly Shassat Order of Service
16. Notification of the congregation by the rabbi during the Rabbinical Address during the Shabbat service

(c) Marketing:

1. Coordination and active participation with all organizations and staffs of our synagogue
2. Outreach to local Hillel organizations for program participants
3. Ovature to the rap artist "Matisyahu" for a "wrap yourself in tefillin" lyric

(d) Advanced Planning:

1. Preliminary meetings with the Brotherhood, synagogue religious staff, administrative leadership, religious staff, and others, as described above in the categories "goals, publicity and marketing."

4. Does the program enhance the image of the FJMC, region and/or your club?

Yes. I believe the image of the FJMC, the regional clubs, and our own club, in particular, have been enhanced.

5. Did you include information so that other clubs can use this program?

Yes.

6. What is the value in club building – number of named club members participating vs. club size and shul size?

I believe that the value of the endeavor is predominantly synagogue life enrichment. Any value in club building is likely to be subtle and indirect.

7. What is the effect on club administration – grooming of new officers for the club, the shul or the region?

Although there is no obvious relationship between this project and the issue of grooming new officers for the club, one of the more electronics savvy WWW committee members has taken on many more significant club responsibilities since he assisted in this effort.

8. Identification of the source of the program or practice, and description of its unique aspects. Most programs were not invented out of the blue, but evolved. Help us to understand where it came from.

The inspiration for this unique "Tefillin Teaching Module" was my understanding of the World Wide Wrap program and its goals. I believe that no one should feel embarrassed or ashamed in the pursuit of the performance of a mitzvah, especially the mitzvah of tefillin. The men's clubs should certainly strengthen education concerning the halachot of tefillin, so that every father can perform

his responsibilities and every congregant can daven Shacharit with full kavvanah. Those studying for their bar/bat mitzvah can come to review, practice, and delve deeper into the subject matter, as their questions, confidence and maturity develop. Thereby, this effort should result in more congregants participating in World Wide Wrap program in the future, as we continue to contemplate the global distribution of Jewish souls and klal Yisrael.

9. Identification of this program as an adaptation of a previous Torch Award entry or other program. Awards will be given for implementations that are particularly effective. The original sources of the programs will be most pleased to know that their efforts have born fruit.

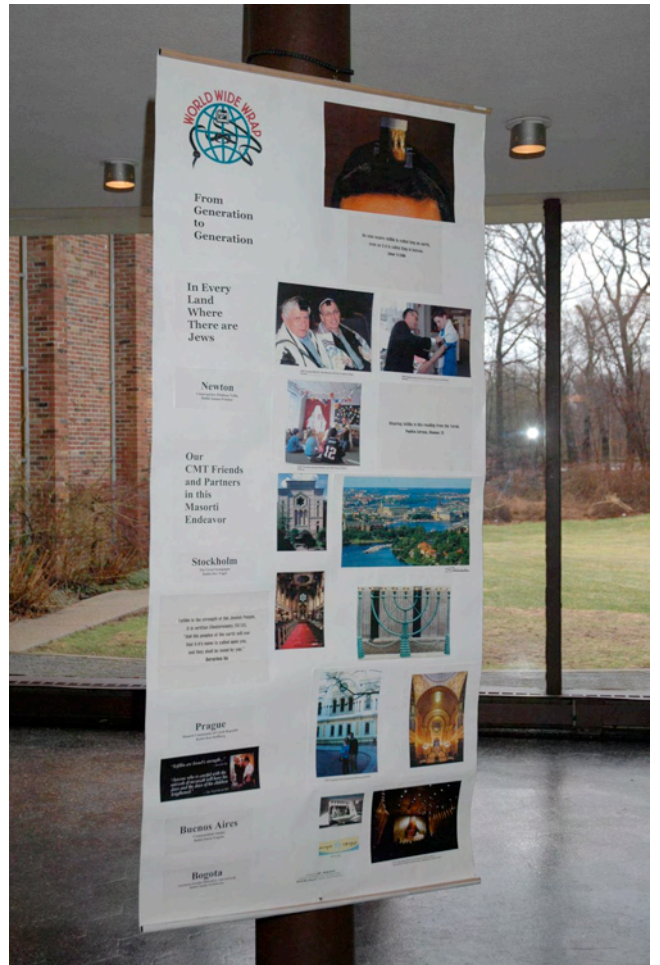
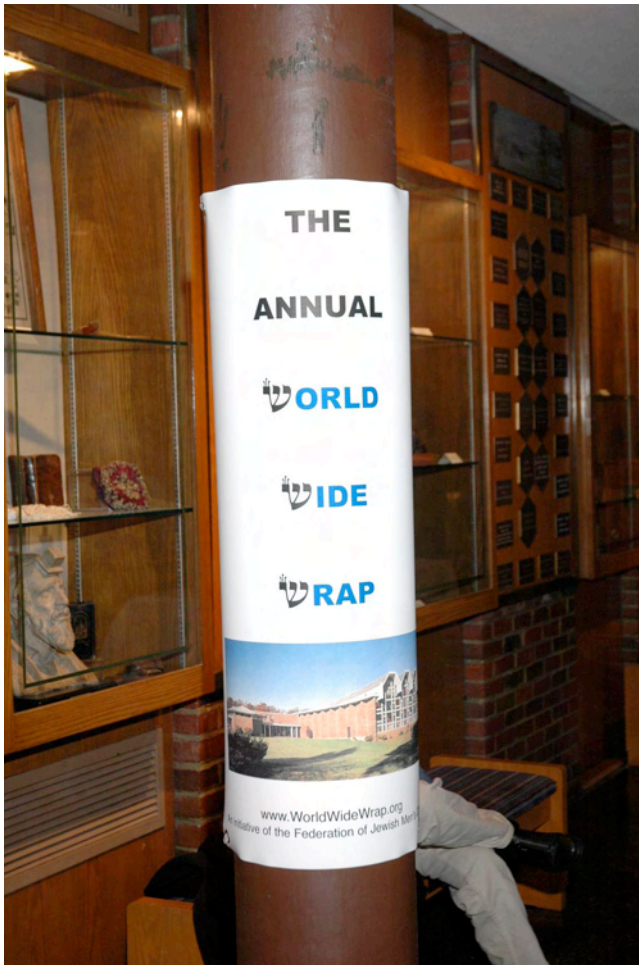
We believe that our effort, which is now submitted to you for evaluation, is an original augmentation and extension of the existing World Wide Wrap program, which may or may not have previously received a Torch Award. The measure of our module's effectiveness is still anecdotal.

10. Identification of the part of the programming effort attributable to the men's club, if it is a joint program with another group.

Although this effort was entirely conceived, developed and built by the Congregation Mishkan Tefila Brotherhood World Wide Wrap committee, and completely funded by the Brotherhood revenues and generous donations by individual Brotherhood members, every effort was made early in the planning stage to offer roles to the other organizations in our synagogue, including the religious leadership, the Religious School, the Pre-School program, the Parent Teachers Association, the youth leadership and the Sisterhood. This was deliberately done in order to invest these organizations in the project, and help its individual members feel that the "tefillin teaching module" that we, the Brotherhood, donated to them, actually belongs to them. This way they might be less inclined to be strangers to the opportunities for learning.

Part IV. Entry Documentation

Photos of World Wide Wrap IV (including Tefillin Teaching module)



Preliminary Meeting and Planning Documents for Program

Presented to Brotherhood Executive Board, Brotherhood Membership and synagogue's religious staff.

World Wide Wrap VI – Sunday, February 5, 2006

Proposed Committees for WWW Event

1. World Wide Wrap – Master Teachers Committee

Responsibilities:

- Develop list of “Tefillin teachers” from the congregation
- Obtain a commitment from each “teacher” to instruct at a table on the morning of the event
- Set up a “teachers’ review course and orientation program” to ensure uniformity of competence among the teachers and prepare for the event
- On the night prior to the event, set up round tables in the Coppelman/Clarke Social Hall (each table should have a tablecloth and three chairs; one table for each teacher and student, perhaps 18 tables)
- Reach out to the community for additional teachers (? Rabbi Uminer of Chabad, Brookline)
- Teach students between 9:00 and 9:30 am in the Social Hall on the morning of the event

2. Refreshment Committee

- Purchase, set up, and clean up beverages for morning of shacharit service

3. Shacharit Service Committee

- Determine an order of speakers during the service
Proposal for topics and speakers:
 1. Congregant to answer the question why he or she puts on tefillin
 2. Dr. Wolok to review the components of the tefillin
 3. The Rabbi to discuss the mitzvah of tefillin
 4. Dr. Simons to describe the history and mysticism associated with tefillin throughout the ages

4. Teaching Module Cabinet (kiosk) Committee

* Acquire and prepare Module cabinet for the chapel with the following components:

1. Video/Computer display featuring a continuous loop tape showing “The Ties That Bind” produced by the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs
2. Display of sequential photographs depicting a young congregant properly putting on and taking off tefillin
3. Superlarge tefillin for display and teaching purposes
4. Parashiyos for individual handouts for the shel rosh and a single handout for the shel yad with linear translation
5. Halachos handout
6. Velvet cloths and gold trimming for the surfaces of the module
7. Reference book display
8. Module Use Sign-up Book

9. Assignment of year-long Module maintenance and upkeep responsibilities

5. World Partners Committee

Purpose: To participate in a Federation-sponsored activity

Proposed countries:

1. Sweden: Stockholm's Gratz Synagogue, Rabbi Dov Vogel
2. Argentina: Comunidad Amijai (Buenos Aires), Rabbi Dario Feiguin
3. Columbia: Conservative Synagogue in Bogota, Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky
4. Czech Republic: Masorti Community of Czech Republic (Praha), Rabbi

Ron Hoffberg

6. Intra-Synagogue Publicity Outreach Committee

Venues:

1. Pulpit
2. Bulletin Articles
3. Hebrew School via e-mail and website
4. Synagogue website
5. Brotherhood e-mail
6. Sisterhood e-mail
7. PTA e-mail
8. Synagogue mailing

7. Special Projects Committee

1. Contact Jewish Harvard Football Kicker (Matt Schindel)
2. Contact Matisyahu, Rap Artist

8. Synagogue Teachers' Committee

Proposals that they

1. Refer to the WWW event during their scheduled classes and incorporate into their curriculum material related to the mitzvah of tefillin
2. Schedule a preWWW "workshop" in the Schwartz Social Hall on a Sunday morning where mini-lectures can be delivered and the tape could be screened
3. Schedule individual clinics to prepare the pool of master teachers
4. Nursery school liaison for WWW event

9. PTA Liaison Committee

1. Brotherhood to establish a fund for purchasing a book on tefillin for each Bar/Bat Mitzvah student that will be presented with their other gifts at their Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony
2. Reinforce the mitzvah for parents to obtain tefillin for their child
3. Obtain and distribute tefillin-making kits for the classroom teachers
4. Consider sending a letter to fathers and mothers highlighting the responsibility of teaching the mitzvah of tefillin to their pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah children

10. WWW Executive Committee

Responsibilities:

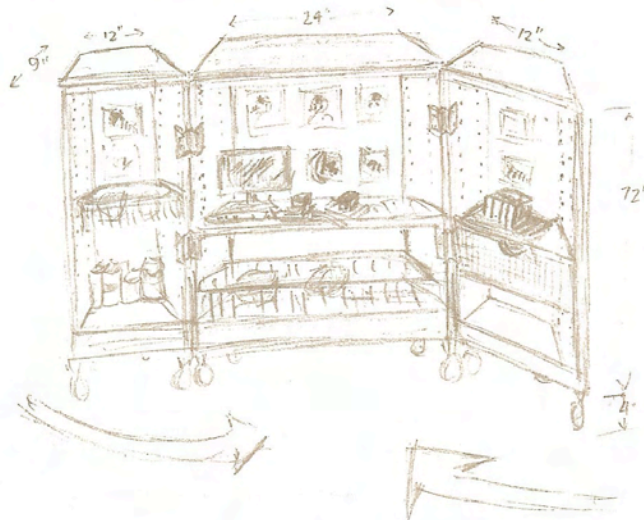
1. Oversee all other committees
2. Liaison with FJMC
3. Assure a set of tefillin for any student or congregant in need

Evolution of Plans for a Tefillin Teaching Module

? Ron Siegel
Tefillin (Teaching Center) - Cabinet

wardrobe model

CABINET OPEN



CABINET CLOSED



$3A + 2B = 523/4$

$52 \frac{5}{8} + 77 \frac{7}{8} = 59 + \frac{13}{8} = 60 \frac{5}{8}$

$Per = 245 + 15 = \#260$

Contents

1. Instructional Photos (by Amy)
2. T.V./Monitor or an Instructional/ Inspirational tape loop *
3. Demonstration Tefillin (large for display)
4. Handouts of the Four Questions (original by Safot - linear style)
5. Reference Books
6. Halachot list of tefillin Mes & Dents

* The Ties the Bird T.V. tape - extension Drives, pictures, Books, Tefillin model, Handouts, Door, Cuts, walling, plavision, screws

EFFEKTIV STORAGE SERIES

DESIGN:
IKEA of Sweden

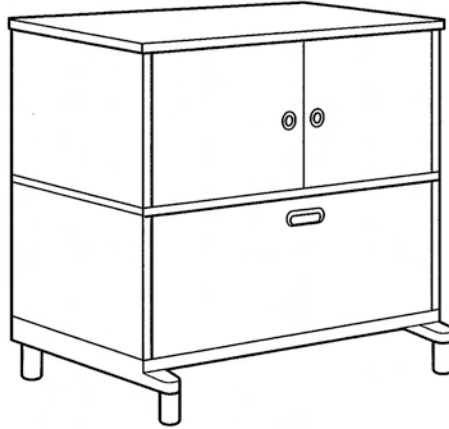
SIZES:
The add-on units come in two widths 17½" and 33½" (45 and 85 cm) and two heights 15½" and 31½" (40 and 80 cm). Depth 16½" (43 cm).

MATERIALS:

- Veneered add-on units and wall cabinets in antique-stain, birch, beech, black-brown, medium brown and oak. Add-on units also available in white melamine.
- Veneered doors in antique-stain, beech, birch, black-brown, medium brown and oak. Doors also available in blue lacquer, white lacquer, red laminate and aluminum/glass. The low door also comes in transparent plastic.
- Veneered drawer fronts and file frame fronts in antique-stain, beech, birch, black-brown, medium brown and oak. Drawer fronts and file frame fronts also available in white lacquer.
- Roll-fronts in silver colour aluminum.
- Solid wood/veneer base with legs available in black-brown, birch, and oak. Base with legs also available in grey plastic and silver colour aluminum.
- Base with castors available in grey plastic.
- Veneered plinths in beech, birch and medium brown. Plinths also available in white melamine and antique-stain solid wood.

QUALITY TESTING:

All EFFEKTIV storage series components have been tested and approved for office use in accordance with European and North American safety requirements. EFFEKTIV components come with a 10-year limited warranty.



This combination

\$195

Stack them or stand them side by side! EFFEKTIV lets you choose to conceal or display what you need to store, in stationary or mobile units. Combine add-ons with doors, drawers, plinths or castors to suit your needs. And choose from a wide selection of materials and colours to suit your taste.

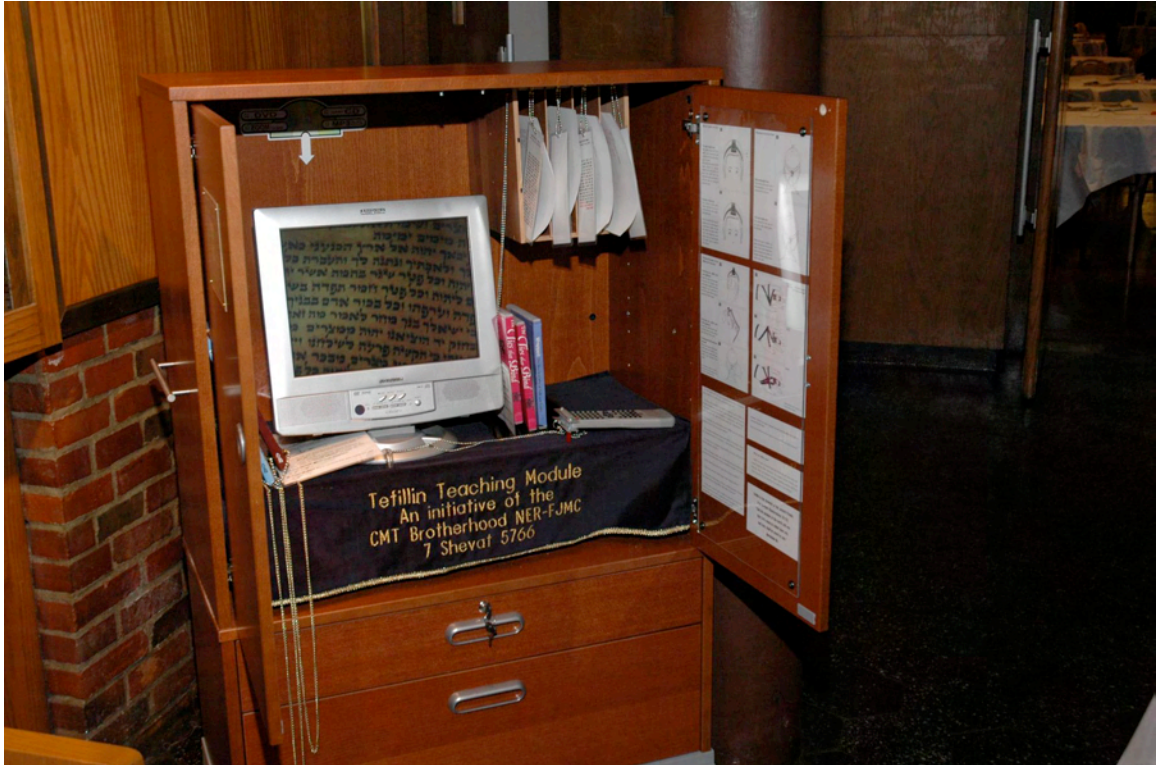
The EFFEKTIV series answers all your office storage needs both at home and in a place of business. A wide range of components, numerous accessories and no end of possible combinations help you to maximise the storage potential of the space at your disposal. You can stack units one on top of the other, stand them side by side, and adapt or extend them as and when you wish, to meet your changing needs. Veneered or melamine on the back makes the storage a perfect room divider or as a freestanding unit.

Open shelves give an instant overview and quick access to things you use frequently. Drawers keep things tidy. Doors and roll-fronts store binders, books and magazines etc. out of sight. And file frame fronts conceal hanging files and their contents. Fit castors to your storage units and you can even move them easily when needed.

EFFEKTIV storage furniture coordinates with GALANT desks, and furniture from the GUSTAV, MOTIV, JERKER series and others.



Tefillin Module in Use During World Wide Wrap Event



Instructional Material Used at the World Wide Wrap



The Sixth Annual World Wide Wrap (WWW-VI)

WHAT: Special Shacharit Service in the Sanctuary

WHEN: Yom Rishon beh Boker

Sunday Morning, February 5, 2006 at 9:45 am. Come thirty minutes earlier to the Coppelman/Clarke Social Hall to get kindly, respectful advice on putting on tefillin.

A special **Kiddush** will follow in the Coppelman/Clarke Social Hall.

Of course, **please remember to bring your tallit and tefillin.** For those who need to acquire a set of tefillin, gift sets at reasonable prices, and other related items, are available at the FJMC webstore at www.fjmc.org. (Also see www.worldwidewrap.org for the order form page.) Your patronage helps the FJMC executive director, Rabbi Charles Simon, to donate mezuzos to South American Jews in need. Locally, tefillin may also be purchased at the Israel Book Store, 410 Harvard St. Brookline, MA 617-566-7113 or at Kolbo's 437 Harvard St. Brookline, MA 617-731-8743.

Useful guides to the mitzvah of tefillin:

1. Tefillin: An Illustrated Guide. Neiman, Mosheh Chinina. Translated by David Oratz. Feldheim Publishers, Jerusalem/New York 1995
2. Tefillin: Making the Connection. Ehrman, Yisroel. Feldheim Publishers, Jerusalem/New York 2004
3. Halachos of Tefillin. Eider, Shimon D. Feldheim Publishers, Jerusalem/New York 2001
4. Tefillin: The Inside Story. Emanuel, Moshe Shlomo. Targum Press, Southfield, Michigan 1995
5. Tefillin and Mezuzos. Askotzky, Yerachmiel. Targum Press, Southfield, Michigan 2003
6. Tefillin. Kaplan, Aryeh. NCSY/UOJC, New York 1986

A new **tefillin teaching module** will be available on January 15, 2006. This will be placed in the chapel of CMT to the right of the bimah. Please **visit it** when the moment is right. This module is a unique initiative of our Brotherhood for the purpose of encouraging the mitzvot of tefillin. Use it in the privacy and sanctity of the chapel to review, learn more, and teach your children.

The **special Shacharit Service in the sanctuary** will feature brief words by a **congregant** (who will describe the experience of putting on tefillin), **Rabbi Pritzker** (who will explain the mitzvot of tefillin), **Dr. Davin Wolok** (who will tell how tefillin are made and worn), and **Dr. Stephen Simon** (who will discuss tefillin in the Talmud, the Midrash, the Kabbalah, and the Chasidim).

World Wide Wrap Flyer (continued)

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Thank you.

The Congregation Mishkan Tefila Brotherhood committee for the 6th Annual World Wide Wrap of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (New England Region)

The Mitzvot of Tefillin

- What is it?
- Why do it?
- Did you learn about it?
- Do you know about it?

If you do,

come* to teach a few
or **come*** to review.

If you don't,

come* to learn by rote.
Understanding will follow.

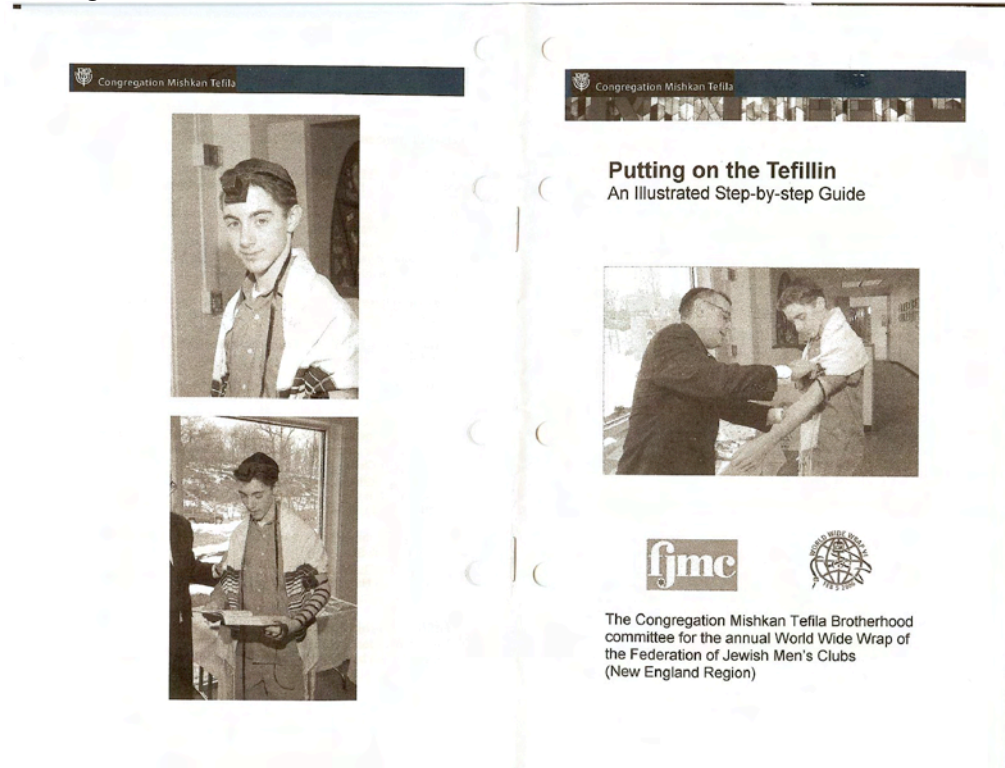
- **Special Shacharit Service and Kiddush**
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putting on tefillin)

Now you can Visit the new **tefillin teaching module**
in the chapel

The CMT Committee for the **World Wide Wrap**
An initiative of the CMT Brotherhood and the
NER-FJMC

Handouts

Putting on the Tefillin Guide Booklet



Materials Available at the Program



Contents of the Tefillin Parchment (handout)

FIRST TEFILLIN PARSHAH: Shemot 13:1-10

פרק יג

[שביעלי] א וידבר יהוה אל משה לאמר:

ב קדש לי כל בכור

פטור כל רחם

בבני ישראל

באדם ובבהמה לי הוא:

ג ולאמר משה אל העם

זכור את היום הזה

אשר יצאתם ממצרים

מבית עבדים

כי בתוך לך

הוציא יהוה אתכם מזה

ולא תאכל חמץ:

ד היום אתם יצאים

בתוך ש האביב:

ה והיה כירביצך יהוה

אל ארץ הכנעני והחתי

והאמורי והחניזי והיבויסי

לעת לך

ארץ זבת חלב ודבש

ועבדת את העבודה הזאת בתוך ש הזה:

ו שבעת ימים תאכל מצות

וביום השביעי תג ליהוה:

ז מצות יאכל את שבעת הימים

ולא יראה לך חמץ ולא יראה לך שאר בכל גבלך:

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כי בגד תזקוה

הוציאת יהוה ממצרים:

י ושמת את החסה הזאת למועדה

מימים ימימה:

Tzedakah for Mezuzot for Latin American Families in Need

One of 18 Tzedakah Box Distributed to Each Religious School Class, Chapel and Administrative Offices



donald grenadir

From: "donald grenadir" <kpip@rcn.com>
To: <David.Kaplan@FJMC.org>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2006 1:10 PM
Subject: Fw: FJMC Pledge to provide 1000 mezuzot to Masorti Olami; Contribution from CMT-FJMC, Chestnut Hill, Ma, Committee for WWW- VI sponsored Religious School and daily minyan annual collection

Hi David- This is the e-mail that I mentioned to you last night. Thanks. Don

----- Original Message -----

From: donald grenadir
To: stephensteckler@fjmc.org
Cc: RabbiSimon@fjmc.org ; jmaskow@fjmc.org ; RabbiPritzker@mishkantefila.com ; educationdirector@mishkantefila.com ; terrypatinkin@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2006 3:08 PM
Subject: FJMC Pledge to provide 1000 mezuzot to Masorti Olami; Contribution from CMT-FJMC, Chestnut Hill, Ma, Committee for WWW- VI sponsored Religious School and daily minyan annual collection

Dear Stephen:

We, the FJMC World Wide Wrap -VI committee, at Congregation Mishkan Tefila - Brotherhood, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, are glad to contribute \$252.00 towards your drive to provide 1,000 mezuzot to Masorti Olami for distribution throughout South America, in conjunction with Rabbi Shmuel Sztainhendler and Rabbi Charles Simon. The money was collected from 18 tzdekah boxes that were specially created by our committee, in conjunction with our W W W - VI program. These boxes were placed in each classroom of our Religious School, in our Synagogue chapel which is used during daily minyan, and in the Synagogue office.

Our intention was to thereby provide an opportunity to teach our Religious School students about the intimately related mitzvot of tefilin and mezuzah, the role of the sofer, the value and purpose of tzedakah, and the need for daily attention to the need for daily action. The details of this endeavor was carefully ministered to by our Religious School Director, Dr. Stephen Simons and our Rabbi Jonina Pritzker, who is also the New England region-FJMC chaplain. Both of these individuals and Cantor Aryeh Finklestein and Ritual Director Dr. Davin Wolok devoted many heartfelt hours to make our World Wide Wrap efforts meaningful and memorable.

The collection for Masorti Olami thus became an integral part of our tefillin program, which enabled our committee to sustain our presence to the end of the academic year, and to link our effort to Shavuot and thereby help "give" a portion of Torah to our Latin American brethren who want to "take Torah."

Therefore, we thank you for this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

Donald Grenadir, M.D.
Chairman, committee for the W W W-VI, CMT-

11/5/2006

Acknowledge Letter from Dr. Charles Simon – FJMC



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Dear Stephen:

It is my pleasure to write this letter on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and in support of Donald Grenadir and the Brotherhood of Congregation Mishkan Tefila to applaud their efforts in raising needed funds in order to supply our 54 affiliated Congregations in Latin America with needed mezuzot.

In conjunction with the Seminario Marshall Meyers Rabbini Latino America our publication "Your Home is Your Sanctuary: A Mezuzah Housewarming Ceremony" has been published and will be distributed to our congregants, many who do not have rabbis, along with the mezuzot we will provide. It is a great mitzvah and we applaud the efforts of the Brotherhood of Congregation Mishkan Tefila.

Secretary

Myles Simpson
Agoura Hills, CA

Thank you for assisting us in this endeavor.

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Cincinnati, OH

Sincerely,

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Twining Letters

Congregation Mishkan Tefila has developed "Twin" relationships with five Masorti congregations around the world.

Twining Letter to Congregation in Bogota Columbia

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donald grenadir

From: "Rabbi Study" <rabbistudy@mishkantefila.org>
To: <rabinoclaudio@etb.net.co>
Cc: "Donald Grenadir" <kpip@rcn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2005 3:02 PM
Subject: From the Study of Rabbi Jonina Pritzker, Congregation Mishkan Tefila



December 21, 2005

Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky
Bogata, Columbia

Dear Rabbi Jodorkovsky,

I am thankful to our members Susana and Eduardo Kreindel for putting us in touch with you.

On behalf of the congregation, I wish to express our gratitude for your enthusiastic interest in participating in the World Wide Wrap project with Mishkan Tefila. We anticipate that 200 of our members will take part in a number of learning activities over the coming weeks, culminating on Sunday, February 5, when we will come together to fulfill the mitzvah of tefillin.

This will be the sixth year our congregation has participated in the World Wide Wrap, and we are pleased you will be a part of it with us this year. Our Brotherhood chairman Don Grenadir has also been communicating with Rabbi Dario Feiguin, Cummunidad Ami Jai, Buenos Aires; Rabbi Dov Vogel, The Great Synagogue, Stockholm, Sweden; and Rabbi Ron Hoffberg, Prague, Czech Republic, who have expressed their enthusiasm about the project, as well.

Mishkan Tefila looks forward to mutually sharing experiences, and to continuing our relationship in the future.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Jonina Pritzker

1/5/2006

donald grenadir

From: "Rabbi Study" <rabbistudy@mishkantefila.org>
To: <vogeldov@netvision.net.il>
Cc: "Donald Grenadir" <kpip@ren.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2005 3:03 PM
Subject: From the Study of Rabbi Jonina Pritzker, Congregation Mishkan Tefila

CONGREGATION

Mishkan Tefila

December 21, 2005

Rabbi Dov Vogel
The Great Synagogue
Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Rabbi Vogel,

Our Brotherhood chair Don Grenadir has spoken effusively of your warm phone conversation with him. We are pleased that The Great Synagogue of Sweden is so enthusiastic about joining with Congregation Mishkan Tefila for the World Wide Wrap project. As Don may have shared with you, we anticipate that 200 of our members will take part in a number of learning activities over the coming weeks, culminating on Sunday, February 5, when we will come together to fulfill the mitzvah of tefillin.

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Sincerely,
Rabbi Jonina Pritzker

Building Bridges to Masorti Congregations (via personal connections and efforts of our congregants – including Brotherhood members)

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donald grenadir

From: "Eduardo Kreindel" <kreindel@rcn.com>
To: <kpip@rcn.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 8:59 PM
Subject: World Wide Wrap

Hi Donald:

Sorry it took me so long in getting back to you. It happens that the email I sent to Amijai did not arrive, therefore I called today and talked with Rabbi Dario Feiguin.

Amijai is very interested in participating with CMT in this project, as it was done two years ago. He also will be more than happy to coordinate this event with Rabbi Pritzker.

Rabbi Feiguin asked me to give you his and their Congregation email address so you can start contacting him. Please contact him ASAP, because on Friday he is leaving town with the congregation for the youth camp. He is returning to Buenos Aires beginning of January. During mid-January he is leaving again for his personal vacation.

Rabbi Feiguin wants to make us aware that he will not return to town till February 10 or so. In his absence he will leave a seminarist (a student that is studying to become a Rabbi) in charge of this event.

When you and Rabbi Pritzker will email Rabbi Feiguin, please send the emails to both of the addresses shown below:

comunidad@amijai.org

dariofeiguin@amijai.org

Please call me if you need additional help. Also let me know if CMT is also interested in contacting the community in Bogota, Colombia where my niece's husband is the Rabbi.

Regards to you, Barbara and Jonathan

Eduardo

PD I forgot to tell you that Rabbi Feiguin will also be available to talk with Rabbi Pritzker over the phone. Their phone number is 011-5411-4784-1243

→ Dario Feiguin

12/13/2005

donald grenadir

From: <kreindel@rcn.com>
To: <kpip@rcn.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2007 4:27 PM
Subject: WWW Amijai Representative

Hi Donald:

Good news !

We spoke with Guido Cohen, which is the Argentinean Rabbi currently studing at the Hebrew College (Newton Center). He said that he has close ties with Amijai and he will contact the Rabbi and the seminarist at Amijai to see if he can represent their community at the CMT WWW event.

For right now, we will have his presence on Sunday February 4, 2007. Could you please confirm the time ? Also, is something specific that you would like him to do during the WWW ? He will be happy to help us as much as he can.

Please let me know how you would like to continue this issue. Would you like to contact him directly ? Meet him to chat and exchange ideas, etc. ?

Have a nice week and keep me posted. Regards to you, Barbara and Jonathan.

Zain mir guezunt

Eduardo



donald grenadir

From: "donald grenadir" <kpip@adelphia.net>
To: <elliott@JDubRecords.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 10:53 PM
Subject: request for photograph of Matis with some words encouraging his fans concerning the mitzvah of tefillin

Dear Elliot:

Thank you and Jacob for your polite and kind attention to our requests for a reference perhaps to a lyric sung by Matis which alludes to and encourages the mitzvah of tefillin.

We at Mishkan Tefila, a congregation of 700 families in Chestnut Hill, MA participate in the annual initiative of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to provide gentle guidance and teaching to our members and their friends on the laws, significance, concepts, customs and ways of putting on tefillin. This year the event fittingly occurs after the Shacharit service on February 5, 2006, the beginning of the week which follows the parashah, Shemot Bo.

In our congregation, Matis has many fans both young and old. Some of them attend the Gann Academy in Waltham, MA where Matis has performed. On their behalf, I am asking for a "photograph", electronic digital or analog, depicting Matisyahu wearing tefillin (as is available on his website) with personal words of encouragement of this mitzvah to those of us who hold his music and lyrics dearly. Shabbat Shalom.

Sincerely,
Donald Grenadir, M.D.
Chairman
CMT Brotherhood Committee for the World Wide Wrap VI
Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs
300 Hammond Pond Parkway
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

www.mishkantefila.org

Budget

		Balance Sheet		
Description		Starting Balance		
World Wide Wrap VI 2006 Expenses - Page 1		\$0.00		
Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
12/14/2005	FJMC Video Tapes (2 versions of "The Ties That Bind")		\$48.30	-\$48.30
12/22/2005	IKEA - storage case		\$28.33	-\$76.63
12/23/2005	IKEA - cart with wheels		\$315.01	-\$391.64
1/11/2006	IKEA - replacement door		\$25.19	-\$416.83
1/17/2006	IKEA - replacement drawer and locks		\$36.75	-\$453.58
1/17/2006	IKEA - return of replacement drawer	\$26.25		-\$427.33
2/10/2006	IKEA - replacement door and locks		\$31.50	-\$458.83
12/28/2005	Affordable Printing - "Hold the Date" postcards		(\$60.00)	-\$518.83
1/13/2006	Lubin's Promotional Products - 2 "shin" plaques		\$133.20	-\$652.03
1/12/2006	Palco Plastics - 2 clear plexiglass sheets		\$50.00	-\$702.03
1/17/2006	Home Assembly - completion of cart assembly		\$65.00	-\$767.03
1/29/2006	Eric Zeller - carpentry for cart		\$165.00	-\$932.03
		Receivable	\$26.25	
		Payables	\$958.28	
		Current Balance	-\$932.03	

		Balance Sheet		
Description		Starting Balance		
World Wide Wrap VI 2006 Expenses - Page 2		-\$932.03		
Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
1/17/2006	Saftler's - blue velvet cloth and gold trimming		\$11.44	-\$943.47
1/19/2006	Bayberry Monograms - embroidery		\$45.00	-\$988.47
1/20/2006	Fabric Care - blue velvet cloth tailoring		\$6.00	-\$994.47
1/17/2006	Jo-Ann's Fabrics - black vinyl and eyelets		\$27.50	-\$1,021.97
1/29/2006	A.C. Moore Craft - 2 foam mounting boards		\$14.92	-\$1,036.89
1/30/2006	A.C. Moore Craft - 1 foam mounting board		\$7.46	-\$1,044.35
1/12/2006	Michael's Craft Store - misc.		\$28.62	-\$1,072.97
1/19/2006	Michael's Craft Store - return misc.	\$5.24		-\$1,067.73
1/27/2006	Michael's Craft Store - 18 tzedakah boxes and misc.		\$82.13	-\$1,149.86
1/29/2006	Michael's Craft Store - misc.		\$62.38	-\$1,212.24
1/29/2006	Michael's Craft Store - return misc.	\$3.14		-\$1,209.10
2/1/2006	Michael's Craft Store - misc.		\$5.87	-\$1,214.97
		Receivable	\$8.38	
		Payables	\$291.32	
		Current Balance	-\$1,214.97	

Budget (continued)

Balance Sheet				
Description			Starting Balance	
World Wide Wrap VI Expenses - Page 3			-\$1,121.97	
Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
1/2/2006	Raymond's Paints - black paint		\$21.67	-\$1,143.64
1/12/2006	Raymond's Paints - misc.		\$1.88	-\$1,145.52
1/16/2006	Swartz Hardware - fasteners		\$54.92	-\$1,200.44
1/16/2006	Swartz Hardware - deduct for personal use	\$20.98		-\$1,179.46
2/1/2006	Swartz Hardware - fasteners and sanders		\$161.58	-\$1,341.04
2/1/2006	Swartz Hardware - deduct for personal use	\$146.98		-\$1,194.06
1/17/2006	Aubuchon Hardware - fasteners		\$46.14	-\$1,240.20
2/2/2006	Aubuchon Hardware - fasteners and chains		\$26.88	-\$1,267.08
2/3/2006	Aubuchon Hardware - fasteners		\$11.63	-\$1,278.71
1/16/2006	Rockler Woodworking and Hardware - cart handles and hinges		\$82.65	-\$1,361.36
1/20/2006	Israel Book Shop - 2 books and 2 posters		\$47.25	-\$1,408.61
1/13/2006	Colorama - posters, color copies, lamination, and binding		\$52.14	-\$1,460.75
		Receivable	\$167.96	
		Payables	\$506.74	
		Current Balance	-\$1,460.75	

Balance Sheet				
Description			Starting Balance	
World Wide Wrap VI Expenses - Page 4			-\$1,460.75	
Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
1/20/2006	Colorama - posters and color copies		\$71.48	-\$1,532.23
1/28/2006	Colorama - posters and color copies		\$43.58	-\$1,575.81
1/30/2006	Colorama - permanent banners and color copies		\$195.87	-\$1,771.68
2/3/2006	Colorama - color copies		\$17.69	-\$1,789.37
2/9/2006	Amy Blotner Photography - photos taken @ Hebrew Schl. & @ WWWVI		\$88.00	-\$1,877.37
	CM			968.52
		Receivable	\$0.00	
		Payables	\$416.62	
		Current Balance	-\$1,877.37	

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Budget (continued)

Balance Sheet				
Description			Starting Balance	
World Wide Wrap VI - Grenadir donation <i>so far.</i>			\$0.00	
Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
2/5/2006	Kiddish - additional cake, flowers, drinks, and paper goods		\$112.00	-\$112.00
2/5/2006	WWW VI Expenses Beyond \$1500 allotment (fr. Brotherhood & Appelstein)		\$377.37	(\$489.37)
3/1/2006	Anticipated carpentry expense to modify cabinet doors		\$150.00	-\$639.37
			<i>9.50</i>	
			<i>5.00</i>	
			<i>13.50</i>	<i>-14.00</i>
		Receivable	\$0.00	
		Payables	\$639.37	
		Current Balance	-\$639.37	

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Balance Sheet				
Description			Starting Balance	
WWW VI Larry Fischer contribution			\$0.00	
Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
2/5/2006	Sylvania DVD monitor, videotape to DVD transfer, book printing		\$350.00	-\$350.00
		Receivable	\$0.00	
		Payables	\$350.00	
		Current Balance	-\$350.00	

Budget (continued)

			Balance Sheet		
Description			Starting Balance		
WWW VI 2006 Direct Brotherhood Expenses			\$0.00		
Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance	
2/5/2006	Single Poster and Letter Printing		?	\$0.00	591.18
		Receivable	\$0.00		
		Payables	\$0.00		
		Current Balance	\$0.00	591.18	