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## **Garden of Remembrance Breaks Ground on New Memorial Center & Chapel**

The Garden of Remembrance (Gan Zikaron) Memorial Park in Clarksburg, Maryland has broken ground on a new Memorial Center and Chapel, announced Hank Levine, President of the nonprofit memorial park. Founded in 1999, the Garden of Remembrance was formed to serve the Greater Washington, Maryland, and Northern Virginia Jewish community one family and one congregation at a time, explains Levine.

Several generous philanthropic families have provided lead gifts including the Marilyn & Raymond Greenberg Memorial Center, the Tina & Albert H. Small, Jr. Memorial Chapel, the Wasserman-Gill Family Wing, and the Dreyfuss Memorial Hall. Each of these magnanimous families is a lifelong Washingtonian and has contributed leadership and charitable support to numerous local and national organizations in the general and Jewish communities. Dozens of additional generous donors are supporting the construction project by dedicating lobbies, rooms, and components of the 6,000 square foot building.

The project will also include the Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg Memorial Garden in memory of the late senior rabbi of Washington Hebrew Congregation who recognized the need and was instrumental in creating the memorial park. The memorial garden will be a beautiful space for reflection and contemplation of loved ones in honor of Rabbi Weinberg's communal vision and in memory of his good works.

For nearly twenty years, the Garden of Remembrance has been planning a Memorial Center and Chapel on the memorial park grounds for funeral services, a place to comfort bereaved families, a setting for educational programs on loss and life, and a place for families and friends to gather for a Shiva Minyan or meal of consolation, shares Kenneth Marks, Chairman of the volunteer cemetery board. Thanks to the support of Washington Hebrew Congregation, our major donors, our twenty-eight Partner Congregations, and numerous supporters, our decades long dream will soon become a reality, concludes Marks.

Levin/Brown & Associates of Baltimore, Maryland is the architect of the new center and chapel and Eichberg Construction in Rockville, Maryland has been engaged for the nine month construction project. The Garden of Remembrance (Gan Zikaron) Memorial Park is located at 14321 Comus Road, Clarksburg, Maryland 20871. For additional information please call 301.428.3000 or visit [www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org).

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