

Temple Judea of Manhasset – 2007

THE MET'S NEW GREEK AND ROMAN GALLERIES CAME TO TEMPLE JUDEA THROUGH "ARMCHAIR CRUISE"

Instead of the mountain coming to Mohammed, a wing of the world famous Metropolitan Museum of Art came to Temple Judea of Manhasset on Sunday, November 11.

The Greatest Generation Committee of Temple Judea of Manhasset sponsored an "armchair cruise" of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's new Greek and Roman Galleries. Over 40 people attended the lecture and "virtually visited" the museum's wing which houses some 5,400 objects in more than 30,000 square feet of space.

Noted lecturer Ms. Giovanni Assenso guided the slide-illustrated presentation of the museum's new Hellenistic, South Italian, Etruscan, and Roman galleries. Ms. Assenso, also a professor at Hunter College, reviewed Roman artworks including the Museum's stunning Roman wall paintings, found in ancient villas at Boscoreale and Boscotrecase near Pompeii, which form a collection unprecedented outside of Italy. The slide show featured Roman portrait sculpture, as well as architectural reliefs and luxurious objects of silver, glass, mosaic, and cameo stone, all of which form part of the Museum's superb collection.

"The slide show was so realistic and well presented, you truly felt like you were there," said Arlene Ruderman, member of the Greatest Generation committee. "Many people said it was like going to the Metropolitan Museum only without having to fight the traffic to get to the city."

Following the lecture, people continued the discussion over pizza to continue the Mediterranean theme. Veteran's Day was commemorated with discussion by members. The conversation continued with remembrances of World War II and quotes from Franklin Delano Roosevelt who first mentioned the "greatest generation" in his speech the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked.

The Greatest Generation is a committee designed to address the needs of Temple Judea congregants who are generally 60 years old plus. Programs are generally open to the public. Some of the programs they have held include a genealogy event, film presentations and discussions, barbeques and special Shabbat Services. For more information on upcoming events, please contact Temple Judea.

Temple Judea of Manhasset was established in 1955 and has over 500 member families. Temple Judea, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, is located at 333 Searingtown Road, Manhasset. Please call (516) 621-8049 for further information and visit its website at www.temple-judea.com.