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Hilltown Families Presents...



Welcome!

Welcome to Hilltown Families, a grassroots communication network for families living in Western Mass, established in 2005 by hilltown mother and long time activist Sienna Wildfield.

List of Weekly Suggested Events

Newsletter

The Heart of Chanukah Comes to the Hilltown Family Variety Show

December 12, 2011 at 7:00 am (Chanukah, Holidays, Suggested Activity)

Tags: Chanukah, Hanukkah, Jewish, podcast, Radio Show

Mama Doni Brings The Heart of Chanukah to the Hilltown Family Variety Show On Saturday, Dec 17th, 9-10am

Hot on the heels of a tremendously successful summer tour, the fall/winter Mama Doni National Tour has begun! Parents' Choice Award winner, Mama Doni is thrilled to come home for the holidays, highlighting the Chanukah season with a number of festive concerts in December, and she'll also be "Guest DJ" for a special "Heart of Chanukah" radio broadcast of *Hilltown Family Variety Show* on Northampton radio station **WXOJ-LP (Valley Free Radio)** on **Saturday, December 17 at 9am and Sunday, December 18 at 7am.**

Looking forward to conveying the joyous spirit of Chanukah in a fun and warm-hearted way on her *Hilltown Family Variety Show* segment, **Mama Doni** explains, "The Jewish holiday of Chanukah literally lights up our homes! Chanukah is also called 'The Festival of Lights,' referring to the flames that we light on our menorahs on each of the holiday's eight nights. The story of Chanukah is a celebration of the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple. It also commemorates the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days when there was only enough for one day.

Mama Doni plans a lively program of songs and stories for Chanukah, including musical selections from Sha Na Na, The GrooveBarbers, and Woody Guthrie, along with Mama Doni Band originals, including "Chanukah Fever," "Latke Man," and "Honey. This Ain't Money." She'll also read a Chanukah story, offer some great family activities for the holiday, and share some of her favorite Chanukah recipes, such as Judah Mac-N-Cheese and Choco-latkes.

Podcast and playlist will be posted to www.HilltownFamilies.org immediately following Saturday's airing on **Valley Free Radio** at 10am on Dec. 17th, 2011.

ABOUT DONI ZASLOFF THOMAS

Doni Zasloff Thomas, a.k.a. Mama Doni, is the lead singer/songwriter of The Mama Doni Band, honored with a 2011 Parents' Choice® Award for their recent release, *Shabbat Shaboom*, and winner of the Simcha Award for "Inspiring Joy Through Music" in competition with more than 100 bands from 15 different countries at the 2008 International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam. The band celebrates Jewish culture with irrepressible zest in its interactive family rock concerts filled with catchy pop songs that break the mold of traditional Jewish music. Quirky, offbeat, and unpredictable, The Mama Doni Band offers up a contagious and unexpected blend of reggae, rock, disco, Latin, klezmer and "Jawgrass" - all woven together with a hip Jewish sensibility. Enthused the Miami Herald, "Not since Woody Allen's Radio Days has American Jewish youth culture been celebrated with such a sublime mix of silly and substantive."

Mama Doni's recordings are available nationwide, as CDs and digital downloads. Find out more at www.mamadoni.com.

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