

# Washington Jewish Week

## ART FROM THE HEART



Showing their home-themed artwork are, from left, Avital Alpert, Maya Goldman, Elisheva Applebaum, Shayna Strong Jacobson, Isabel Jacobs, Navah Gris, Leah Zerwitz and Zoe Goldman.

Photo by Alexandra Taylor

**B**ikur Cholim of Greater Washington bought a house last year across the street from the campus of the National Institutes of Health to serve as a home away from home for families who travel to the area for medical treatment at NIH and other local hospitals.

In honor of the purchase of the Bernard Creeger Bikur Cholim House, students from Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital created artwork with "Birkat Habayit: Blessings of the Home" as the theme.

Participating artists include Avital Alpert, Elisheva Applebaum, Joshua Applebaum, Maya Goldman, Theo Goldman, Zoe Goldman, Navah Gris, Avital Gris, Isabel Jacobs, Avivia Jacobs, Shayna Strong Jacobson and Leah Zerwitz.

The JPDS-NC student's artwork will be on display in the BCGW kosher pantries at Children's National Medical Center, located on the third floor off the cardiac care unit,

and at Shady Grove Hospital, located on the third floor opposite the elevators and off the Evergreen Family Lounge. ■

*Art from the Heart* is a youth program sponsored by BCGW, a volunteer-based organization that provides free support services to Jewish patients and their families in the nation's capital region. Young artists, ages 6 to 18, can submit original artwork to be displayed in BCGW kosher hospital pantries. These works by kids for kids are meant to brighten the days of young patients and families who use the pantries as a place of respite from medical treatment. Each month, *Washington Jewish Week* features an artist and his or her work.

To learn more about BCGW, its kosher pantries and *Art from the Heart* program, call 202-331-4481 or visit the website [bikurcholimgw.org](http://bikurcholimgw.org) and click on the *Kids in Action* tab.