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**EVENT: Marafanyi Percussion and the WAE Center Dancers close out Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled Global Dance Series**

DATE: Thursday, 13 December 2007

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: The WAE Center  
at B'nai Shalom  
300 Pleasant Valley Avenue  
West Orange, New Jersey

COST: Free

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Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled / WAE Center (Wellness, Arts and Enrichment Center), will present the last concert in it's Global Dance series on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7 pm.

Featured performers for the evening will be Marafanyi Percussion. Combining rhythm, movement, song and spoken word, this high-energy ensemble performs original and West African based music. The group is comprised of international percussionists and teaching artists Lara Gonzalez and Yael Schacham who began studying and making music together over 10 years ago. Falling in love with the music of West Africa they traveled to Guinea in 2003 to study with numerous master artists. Today, they travel to the country frequently to focus on the dynamic rhythms & dances from different ethnic groups. For the past three months, they have been working with an enthusiastic group of students at the WAE Center teaching them African dancing, drumming and singing in preparation for the December 13th show. Promised to move and groove you this show will delight audience members of all ages.

The performance is free and open to the public and will take place at the WAE Center located at 300 Pleasant Valley Way B'nai Shalom. For additional information please contact WAE Center Program Coordinator, Elaine Schenkel (973) 325 - 1494. For more information on Marafanyi Percussion check out the group's website located at [www.rootsheartpulse.com](http://www.rootsheartpulse.com).

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