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Mural With A Message

Bob's Wall Of Transformation.

What do Mahatma Gandhi, Bob Dylan and E.T. have in common? They're all depicted in a recently completed city mural by Bob Hieronimus.

Titled "A Little Help From Our Friends," the 67-by-25-foot outdoor mural was paid for by a philanthropic fund of the Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

Mr. Hieronimus, a WCBM talk show host who has created other city murals over the past 30 years, was asked to design the painting by the Johns Hopkins University Office of City and Community Affairs. The JHU office shares space with several community-based organizations and a mediation program in the Safe and Smart Center at 3333 Greenmount Ave. in Waverly, where the mural can be found.

The design took three artists 13 days to transfer from the canvas to the wall, said Mr. Hieronimus,

whose wife, Zoh Meyerhoff Hieronimus, is also a local talk show host.

"The purpose of this mural," said Mr. Hieronimus, an Owings Mill resident, "is to stress the links between all humanity, regardless of race, nationality, religion, etc. We are one people."

Depicted in the mural are 11 role models of "self- and world-transformation," according to the artist. Those individuals include slave liberator Harriet Tubman, Negro League pitcher Leon Day, environmentalist Rachel Carson and Jewish philanthropist Robert H. Levi.

They were included for their ability to "remind us that mediation is a process that empowers people to work out problems cooperatively," Mr. Hieronimus wrote in a news release about the project.

An official dedication of the mural will take place this fall.

— Christine Stutz