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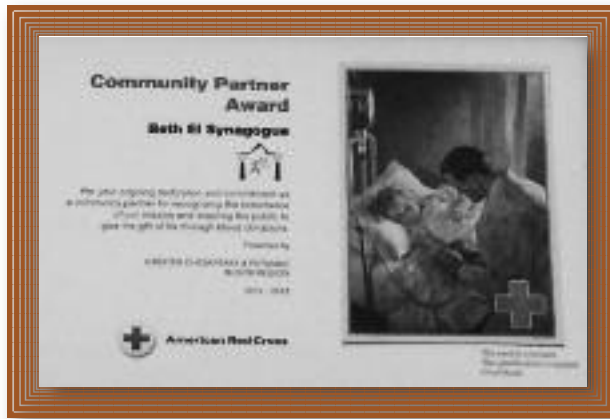
By Rabbi Dana Saroken

For over two and half years, ten Beth El families have been involved in an experiment of sorts. We set out to see... If ten families, all with young-ish children, could make time in our crazy busy lives to do community service, once a month, with our families and with each other. I wish I could say it was a breeze but the truth is that it was harder than I realized to coordinate around school, work, birthday parties, religious school, and sports. I am proud to say, two and a half years later, that I would call our "experiment" a huge success and one of the most fulfilling endeavors imaginable! Together, we have managed to do incredibly meaningful things: We have done all sorts of mitzvahs including, cleaning up sticks and debris at the pet cemetery, making lunches and playing with the children at the Hannah Moore Shelter, making holiday crafts with kids with special needs and their families through the Friendship Circle, delivering care packages for Purim at the Tikvah House at Johns Hopkins Hospital, painting rock gardens with the residents at Levindale, and helping to till the soil at a Civic Works garden downtown. Through this work, we have grown into a supportive and caring chavurah (circle of families). By exposing our children, as well as, ourselves to the different communities of people in Baltimore, the different needs within our community, and to the different organizations that could use our help, we have all been reminded of how fortunate we are to have so much and to be in a position where we can give – of our time, our energy and our resources to help others.

This month, on the 15th day of the month of Shevat, we celebrate the holiday of "Tu B'Shvat" and we are reminded that it is our moral obligation as Jews and as human beings to give, to share and to recognize that so much of what we consider to be "ours" has really been gifted to us by our parents, our circumstances, and from our Creator. From the land on which we live to the trees from which we eat - all these

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AMERICAN RED CROSS COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD GIVEN TO BETH EL



This award was presented to Beth El Congregation at the Annual Meeting of the American Red Cross. It is to recognize Beth El's years of coordinating successful blood drives. We were the only synagogue to receive this award and we should feel very proud of this recognition. I say "WE" because many are involved – the volunteers, the Beth El staff, and most of all you, the people who show up to give blood. I cannot thank these heroes enough.

– Jerry and Sonya Goodman

Beth El Congregation has faithfully partnered with the American Red Cross and coordinated blood drives since 1999. To date, the synagogue has help collect over 1,800 units potentially saving over 5,000 patients' lives in local hospitals. Hosting blood drives twice a year, their formula for recruiting has proven that they know just how it should be done. The loyal committee members, led by dedicated and personable blood drive coordinators Jerry and Sonya Goodman, help personally contact the congregation resulting in nearly 65 units of blood collected. They always have a group of trustful volunteers on the day of their drive who offer that personal touch. Donors come to Beth El not only for the goodness of donating blood; they also come because the synagogue consciously ensures each donor has a great experience.

If you have not done so in the past, you have an opportunity to join the Beth El team in saving lives. **Our next blood drive is on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.** You will find that it is a wonderful experience to donate blood, a renewable resource, the gift of life.

CHOIRS' FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

February 28 - March 2

On the weekend of February 28 - March 2, the choirs of Beth El Congregation and Union Bethel AME Church in Randallstown will join in their first **Fellowship Weekend**. Coinciding at the end of African-American History Month, our two choirs will join together in praise at their separate places of worship. On February 28th the Union Bethel Choir will participate with the Beth El Choir at Friday evening services, followed by a traditional Friday night dinner with the choirs and their families. On Sunday, March 2nd, our choir will travel to Union Bethel Church to experience, and participate in, their Sunday morning service.

Music can be a powerful tool in breaking down the barriers that separate us, because it has the ability to express the higher aspirations of the human spirit. It is our prayer that, through fellowship and praise, we can each come to a fuller understanding of our brothers and sisters of different faiths and cultures.



Beth El Choir and Junior Choir during a recent performance

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Barry Dubin on the loss of his beloved mother, Ann Dubinsky.
 Dr. Michael Exler on the loss of his beloved father, Alvin Exler.
 Mr. Ivan Goldberg on the loss of his beloved mother, Edith Goldberg.
 Mr. Donald Himelfarb on the loss of his beloved mother, Jennie W. Himelfarb.
 The family of the beloved Samuel Jacobson.
 Mrs. Irene Kasik on the loss of her beloved brother, Calvin Rosen.
 Dr. Joel Sereboff on the loss of his beloved brother, Norman Sereboff.
 Mr. Dennis Weiner on the loss of his father, Morton J. Weiner.
 Mr. Walter Weinstein on the loss of his beloved wife, Linda Weinstein.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

John Abosch

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cherry on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ethan Michael Cherry; grandmother is Mrs. Diane Cole.
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Feit on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Zoey Jordan Feit.
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fine on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob Richard Fine.
 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Gendason on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Reed Gendason.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Goldsmith on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jaxson Bennett Goldsmith.
 Dr. and Mrs. Ned Greenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ian Frederick Greenberg.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Herman on the engagement of their daughter, Nicole to Michael Greene.
 Mr. and Mrs. Brett Ingerman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Matthew Griffin Ingerman.
 Ms. Stephanie Winkler and Mr. Paul Levy on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Raegan Drew Levy; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert David.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Smelkinson on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hannah Ruth Smelkinson; grandmother is Mrs. Miriam Smelkinson.

JANUARY 2014 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Adrienne and Ronald Rosenkoff on their 20th
 Amy and Jory Schunick on their 20th
 Lori and Bruce Friedman on their 25th
 Gayle and Harry Siegel on their 25th
 Robbin and David Bord on their 40th
 Carole and Irwin Glick on their 45th
 Eileen and Donald Himelfarb on their 45th
 Judith and Richard Schlossberg on their 45th
 Eileen and Harold Peremel on their 55th

FEBRUARY 2014 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Susan and Leslie Gladstone on their 40th
 Tammra and Arnold Sigler on their 50th
 Deborah and Stephen Weiss on their 50th
 Joyce and George Goodman on their 55th
 Sandra and Bernard Meizlish on their 55th
 Judith and Donald Kalish on their 60th
 Annette and Edwin Snyder on their 60th

IN MEMORIAM

**NORMAN BLOOM
 SAMUEL JACOBSEN
 LINDA WEINSTEIN**

We mourn the passing of our members and extend sincere condolences to their families.

Beth El is compiling a list of our members who would like to receive email notifications of congregational obituaries. If you wish to be added to this list, please email **Sandi Block** at sandi@bethelbalto.com.

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAT MITZVAH
Zoey Jordan Feit, daughter of Brian and Holly Feit will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah January 11, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Ethan Michael Cherry, son of Cyn and Scott Cherry will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah January 18, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Jaxson Bennett Goldsmith, son of Irina and Jeffrey Goldsmith will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah January 25, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Ian Frederick Greenberg, son of Ned and Debbie Greenberg will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah January 25, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Hannah Ruth Smelkinson, daughter of Deborah and Jeffrey Smelkinson will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah February 1, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Jacob Richard Fine, son of Susan and Scott Fine will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah February 18, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Raegan Drew Levy, daughter of Stephanie Winkler and Paul Levy will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah February 18, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Matthew Griffin Ingerman, son of Melissa and Brett Ingerman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah March 1, 2014.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday, January 1

Federal Holiday – Office Closed

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Evening Service 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 2

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Morning Service 7:45 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 3

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:36 p.m.

Saturday, January 4

Parsha of the Week – Bo

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 4:45 p.m.

Friday, January 10

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Island Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:42 p.m.

Saturday, January 11

Parsha of the Week – Beshalach

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 16

Tu B'Shvat

Friday, January 17

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:50 p.m.

Saturday, January 18

Parsha of the Week – Yitro

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:15 p.m.

Monday, January 20

Federal Holiday – Martin Luther King Day

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 24

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:58 p.m.

Saturday, January 25

Parsha of the Week – Mishpatim

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:15 p.m.

Friday, January 31

Rosh Chodesh Adar I – Day 1

Morning Service 7:45 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 5:06 p.m.

Saturday, February 1

Rosh Chodesh Adar I – Day 2

Parsha of the Week – Terumah
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 7

Morning Service 8:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 5:14 p.m.

Saturday, February 8

Parsha of the Week – Tetzaveh

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 14

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 5:22 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

Parsha of the Week – Ki Tisa

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:45 p.m.

Monday, February 17

Federal Holiday – Washington's Birthday

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 21

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22

Parsha of the Week – Vayakhel

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:45 p.m.

Friday, February 28

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 5:38 p.m.

Healing Service

**January 25
February 22**

**Kreitzer Memorial Room
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

With so many people in our community in need of healing, Rabbi Saroken will be leading a prayer circle/healing service.

Anyone in need of healing
or praying for your loved ones
is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there.

CALLING ALL SNOW BIRDS!!!

Please contact **Dora Smith** at
410-484-0411 or email
dora@bethelbalto.com

with the dates you will be
leaving for Florida and
returning back to
Baltimore this year.

Our annual Florida
Luncheon will be
Sunday, February
23 at 12:30 p.m.



HOTLINES

Service Schedules: **410-580-2727**

Congregation Closings & Program Changes:
410-580-5080

Early Childhood Education Closings &
Program Changes: **410-580-5081**

Religious School Closings &
Program Changes:
410-580-5082

OFFICE CLOSINGS

Beth El Congregation will be closed on **Wednesday, January 1** for a federal holiday.
Services will still take place. Refer to Schedule of Services above for special holiday times.

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Morning

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Rosh Chodesh 7:45 a.m.

Shabbat 10:00 a.m.

Sunday &
Legal Holidays 9:15 a.m.

Evening

Monday – Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Friday 6:00 p.m.

Saturday sundown*

Sunday &
Legal Holidays 5:30 p.m.

*Check website or call 410-580-2727

Paper Recycling Available at Beth El

Brought to you by Beth El's Environmental Committee



Paper recycling bins are located in our back parking lot. This drop off location is open to anyone in the community. All paper products may be deposited except for food containers and cardboard. We earn money for Beth El through this program so the more you bring, the more we will earn.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEONS

January 6, 11:30 a.m.



**Speaker – Jessica Anya Blau –
Noted Local Author**

"I was thinking about Judaism and the strange role it played in my life since birth. My father is very religious, my mother had an Orthodox conversion before they were married, and we were the only Jews in our neighborhood. I grew up in the suburbs of Santa Barbara, California."

Jessica Anya Blau's novel, *The Wonder Bread Summer*, was featured on CNN as one of three summer books to read. It was also featured on NPR as one of five recommended books and on Oprah's summer reading list. A graduate of the Johns Hopkins Writing Seminars, Ms. Blau lives in Baltimore with her husband, David Grossbach and her two daughters.

We regret that we are unable to seat walk-ins for the luncheon; however, all are welcome to attend the program which begins at 12:30 p.m.

February 3, 11:30 a.m.



**Speaker – Ted Venetoulis
Politics: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

Ted Venetoulis, publisher, author and former Baltimore County Executive, is a frequent lecturer on politics, journalism and the media. His recent novel *Hail to the Cheat* is political satire about the first lady scorned by her husband, the president. Ted Venetoulis lives in Lutherville with his wife Lynn and is the father of three children.

CALENDAR FOR SISTERHOOD TRIPS 2014

The cultural trips sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood are open to members of Sisterhood and the Congregation.

Thursday, February 20, 2014 - Please join us for a bus tour of east Baltimore's painted screens, a lecture and visit to the Maryland Institute of Art to see the exhibit **Picture Windows**. MICA will present a comprehensive look at the history of screen painting --ornamental art with roots in 18th century London, Victorian America, and early 20th century Baltimore.

Please bring a dairy sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

The cost of the trip will be \$40. Registration for the trip will begin on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The registration form will be available on the Beth El website (www.bethelbalto.com) and at the reception desk of the synagogue.

Sunday, March 23, 2014 --The new musical "Beaches" opens at the Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA. Registration for the trip will begin on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The registration form will be available at the Beth El website (bethelbalto.com) and at the reception desk of the synagogue.

Thursday, April 24, 2014 -- Brooklyn, NY-- Botanical Gardens and the Brooklyn Museum of Art

Thursday, May 22, 2014 -- Philadelphia, PA -- Shofuso Japanese House and Garden and Lemon Hill Mansion

If you have any questions, please contact **Beverly Penn** spenn3@verizon.net (410-486-2667) or **Linda Mondell** lhmondell@gmail.com (410-486-1542).

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Torah Fund for the Jewish Theological Seminary is making great strides fulfilling our goals. Many of our congregants have donated to the Torah Fund which helps the Seminary provide a wonderful education for future rabbis, cantors and educators. During the year Rabbis Steven Schwartz, Dana Saroken and Faith Cantor will share their thoughts and experiences while students at the Seminary.

Beautiful all-occasion cards are available. For an \$18.00 contribution you will receive six cards of your choice and for \$180.00 you will receive a beautiful pin depicting Mishapcha, the theme for this year. Please contact **Jane Krosin** janiekine@comcast.net 410-484-4218 or **Hilda Dopkin** hildop@aol.com 410-486-4453 for more information or cards.

"KNITZVAH" PROJECT

We are in the middle of a long cold winter. You can create warmth by doing a "Knitzvah." Donated yarns are knitted into 10" x 10" squares by our "Knitzvah Gang" and then sewn together to make beautiful warm afghans. We deliver them to the friends and families of our Beth El members who are home-bound or in nursing facilities. If you know someone who would like a warm cozy afghan, call Rhona Sober at 410-653-2782. Anyone interested in participating in this project can contact Rhona Sober.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland will have an evening dinner meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Congregation. The Guest Speaker is Heather Lapidario, Leadership Classroom Leader at the Gerstell Academy. Her topic is "Can You Hear Me Now? Effective Listening and Communication". For Reservations Call **Estelle Kabik 410-833-2769** or **Honey Litman 410-486- 8116**. Cost is \$18. **The deadline for reservations is Sunday, February 16, 2014.**

SISTERHOOD ARCHIVES PROJECT CONTINUES

Members of Sisterhood are compiling a history of Beth El Sisterhood. If you have relevant information and/or anecdotes to share or if you would like to participate in the Archives Project, please contact **Ilene Merenbloom** ilene@merenbloom.com (410-486-6822) or **Rae Shalowitz** rashally@aol.com (410-484-7437).

BIBLIO

Sisterhood's Biblio welcomes all readers, not only from our Beth El family but also from our friends in the community. On **Wednesday, January 15 at noon** Barbara Berkowitz, retired librarian and co-chair of Biblio, will review *Second Person Singular* by Sayed Kashua. The author, an Israeli Arab, writes of the intertwined lives of two Israeli Arabs unknown to each other. The attitudes of the lawyer and the social worker may shock you.

On **February 12 at noon** Biblio will welcome Jane Hennegar, book reviewer for the Renaissance Institute of Notre Dame University. Ms. Hennegar has selected *The Lady in Gold* by Ann-Marie O'Conner who weaves a fascinating story of the artist Gustav Klimt and his favorite Jewish model. This tale spans decades from pre-World War I to the close of the century.

Please join us at noon in the Kolker Room. Bring a kosher dairy lunch. Beth El supplies tea and coffee. Our hostesses provide delicious desserts. Please call **Joan Flaks at 410-486-6246** if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

May 4, 5 and 6



Even though winter is still with us, plans for Unique Boutique are in the works. This will be the 10th year of Unique Boutique which will be held on **Sunday, May 4, Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6** from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. At the requests of our successful vendors, we are extending the event to a third day.

Once again Beth El Sisterhood will host over 40 vendors who will bring three days of exciting shopping for your spring needs. Many of your favorite vendors are returning, and we are looking forward to welcoming many new vendors with new products. They will be selling women's clothing and accessories, pocketbooks, belts, jewelry, gifts for the home, toys, crafts, children's clothing, specialized food items, personalized gifts, stationery and much more.

As usual, you may enjoy lunch at the Boutique Café either before or after shopping. In addition, please stop by the flower booth for your spring gardening needs and Mother's Day gifts.

If you know of any vendors interested in the event or need additional information, please contact **Sonia Obstler at 410-653-2381 (seobstler@gmail.com)** or **Helen Bronstein at 410-653-5028 (helenbronstein@verizon.net)**.

We look forward to having all our Beth El congregants, friends, family and neighbors join us for an exciting 2014 Unique Boutique.

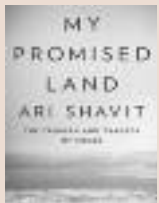
RABBIS' BOOK REVIEWS AND PETITE LUNCHEONS



Rabbi Dana Saroken's book review of *The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra will be held on **Wednesday, January 22** at noon preceded by a "Petite Luncheon."

Dr. Amin Jaafari, an Israeli Arab, seems fully assimilated into Tel Aviv society, with a loving wife, a successful career as a surgeon, and numerous Jewish friends. But after a restaurant bombing kills 19 people, and it becomes apparent that his wife was the bomber, he plunges into the world of Islamic extremism, trying to understand how he missed signs of her intentions. Khadra captures Jaafari's anguish and anger at the fanatics who recruited his wife. The Israelis don't escape lightly either as their army marches over law-abiding Arab citizens in an attempt to stamp out the militants.

Please send your check in the amount of \$12 for the January 22 book review and "Petite Luncheon" to Beth El Sisterhood, c/o Alice Levin, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, 21208, by January 16. Mark book review on the envelope.



The selection of Rabbi Steven Schwartz's book review has been changed to the recently heralded release of *My Promised Land - The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit, a book that has garnered tremendous excitement. Because it engendered a great deal of interest from the congregation when Rabbi Schwartz discussed it in his Shabbat sermon, we want to be on the cusp of this new publication.

This event will be at noon also preceded by a "Petite Luncheon." It is a **deeply personal narrative history of the State of Israel by one of the most influential journalists writing about the Middle East today**. As it examines the complexities and contradictions of the Israeli condition, the book asks difficult but important questions: Why did Israel come to be? How did it come to be? Can Israel survive? Culminating with an analysis of the issues and threats that Israel is currently facing, *My Promised Land* uses the defining events of the past to shed new light on the present. The result is a landmark portrait of a small, vibrant country living on the edge, whose identity and presence play a crucial role in today's global political landscape.

You may send in \$24 for both events. Mark book review on the envelope.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following women are new members to Sisterhood for 2014:
Amy Harris, Jennifer Kopp, Emily Levitas, Carol Pondfield, Beverly Rosenthal, Linda Smeyne
Courtesy member: **Linda Kirschner**

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 3, 2014, 11:30 a.m.

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

If you are not a subscription holder, send a check made out to: Beth El Sisterhood for \$20 c/o Marcia Boonshaft or Esther Harris, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Your check is your receipt. Subscription holders who will not attend need to notify and send it to Beth El Sisterhood c/o Marcia Boonshaft by Thursday, December 26. jmboonshaft@verizon.net (410-484-3112) or Esther Harris: teach5ech@aol.com (410-486-3177)

WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO SEAT WALK INS FOR LUNCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM.



If you can knit or crochet and would like to help keep Project W.A.V.E. alive, the following items are needed:
hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, afghans, lap blankets, and walker bags.

Acrylic yarn only, please NO WOOL. If you cannot knit or crochet, you can help by donating acrylic yarn. For more information email **Dora Smith at wave116@comcast.net**.



AGUS LIBRARY

The Agus Library is a project of the members of Sisterhood. This wonderful facility is filled with a variety of books of Jewish interest. In order to sustain and increase its viability, we need your help. If you have an hour or two each week, your assistance would be appreciated. To arrange a time of your convenience, please call Barbara Berkowitz barbberk@verizon.net (410-296-8424).

HOURS

MONDAY	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Please join us for a fun-filled musical evening at our Annual

Joint Sisterhood Dinner
Monday, March 31, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Cost - \$25.00 pp

Hosted by **Beth El Congregation**

-Program-

Live from New York Pikesville!



Bob Hallock

Singer, Pianist, Arranger, Actor and Cabaret Performer



(Cut here and return with check)

I would love to attend the Joint Sisterhood Dinner - **DEADLINE - Friday, March 21, 2014**

Name _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is my check (\$25pp) payable to "**Beth El Sisterhood**" in the amount of \$ _____

If possible, I would like to sit with (limited to 3 people) - (to make our job easier, please be sure that you have each other written down!)

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

My special needs are: (Please check, if applicable)

Vegetarian: _____ Diabetic: _____ Allergies: _____

****Please NOTE**** Checks will **NOT** be accepted at the door. To ensure your seat, please return this form and your check by **Friday, March 21, 2014** to:

Beth El "Joint Sisterhood Dinner"
8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208

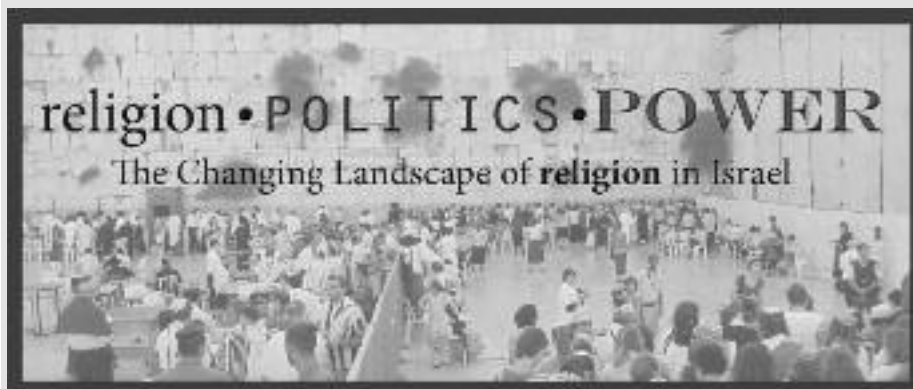




Join Rabbi Dana Saroken and fellow members of Beth El Congregation in our nation's capital.

For more information about the AIPAC Policy Conference, please contact Gail Brooks at ggbrooks@verizon.net or Susan Talles at suttalles@comcast.net.

The Israel Affairs Committee presents the 2014 Shabbat Speaker Series



Post-Kiddush Shabbat Speaker Series 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

January 25, 2014

God, Guns, Guys and Girls: Religion and Social Change in the IDF



Guest Speaker: Rebecca Shimoni-Stoil, Washington Correspondent for The Times of Israel, Former Acting Washington Bureau Chief for The Jerusalem Post, former IDF combat medic and reservist

February 22, 2014

The Secular-Haredi Cleavage: One State, Two Peoples



Guest Speaker: Moran Stern, Adjunct Lecturer, Georgetown University and American University, and Washington Jewish Week Commentator

March 22, 2014

Is Religious Pluralism Possible in Israel?



Guest Speaker: Rabbi Tzvi Graetz, Executive Director, Masorti Olami and MERCAZ Olami

April 26, 2014

Israel's Changing Collective Identity



Guest Speaker: Fred Lazin, Visiting Scholar, NYU, and Professor Emeritus, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

IT IS RAEELY TRUE



Israel to the rescue ... again

As in the past with other foreign natural disasters, Israel was again one of the first countries to send aid – this time to the Philippines in the wake of super-typhoon Haiyan. The IDF, Foreign Ministry and Israeli and Jewish humanitarian organizations sent aid workers to provide rescue and relief efforts. The IDF sent two Boeing 747's with 234 Israeli doctors, nurses and paramedics, as well as equipment to set up a state-of-the-art mobile hospital.

New law proposed for mikva rituals

As a result of some controversial practices, a new law has been proposed in the Knesset to forbid mikva attendants from interrogating women about their level of personal religious practice. "Over the years, a norm has developed in which at certain mikvas women are forced to answer and undergo tests as a condition before immersing in a way that intrudes the private and personal life of women wishing to immerse," says the introduction to the bill. If passed,

the bill would prohibit by law mikva attendants from questioning and checking women wishing to immerse, including forbidding them from asking about their menstruation dates, contraceptive methods, inspecting their bodies, and questions about their sex lives.

EU official lauds Israel for treating injured Syrians

A European Union official based in Israel praised the country for providing medical treatment to Syrian civilians injured in their country's civil war. "I was deeply impressed by the dedication of the medical staff that is sparing no effort to provide the injured patients, many of them children, with the best possible medical care," Faaborg-Andersen said in a statement. "This commitment to the welfare of other human beings, regardless of the fact that they belong to an enemy nation, should be a source of pride to all Israelis."

SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS
Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



CONTRIBUTIONS

ENDOWMENTS

Donations through November 25, 2013

THE ADULT CHOIR FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Sheldon Sherman by Lucy and Guy Attia

IN HONOR OF:
The special birthday of Ailene Sher by Phyllis and Richard Kline

THE BETH EL ART FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Leon Rudd by Esther Zerden

THE STANLEY L. BECKER MISHPACHAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF:
The special birthday of Carole Becker by Sheryl, David, Shira and Alana Reicher
The Bar Mitzvah of Alex Becker by Sheryl, David, Shira and Alana Reicher

IN MEMORY OF:
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IN MEMORY OF:
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IN MEMORY OF:
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IN MEMORY OF:
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IN MEMORY OF:
Robert Healy by Joyce and Arnold Fruman, Jane and Dennis Herman
Jerome Hertzbach by Kevin, Tracee, Jacob and Leo Fruman
Edward Dopkin by Kevin, Tracee, Jacob and Leo Fruman
Morton Rodbell by Jane and Dennis Herman and Family

THE SHELDON AND SARALYNN GLASS ENDOWED SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Gordon Schwartz by Saralynn and Sheldon Glass

IN HONOR OF:

THE SONYA AND JEROME GOODMAN ADULT HEBREW READING FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Henry Seval by Barbara and Jerry Fine

THE GREEN FAMILY RELIGIOUS SERVICES FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Harold Gitomer by Florence Schwartzman

THE CANTOR SAUL AND AILEEN HAMMERMAN MUSIC FUND

IN HONOR OF:
The Bat Mitzvah of Brooke Gottlieb by Penny and Michael Schwartz
The business adventure of Ira Miller by Renee and Burton King

THE ARTHUR E. KLAFF MEMORIAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Gordon Schwartz by Barbara Levenson

THE ADAM KRONTHAL SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

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THE DR. HARRY AND ZELDA LEVIN FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FUND

IN HONOR OF:
The special birthday of Alice Levin by Eileen Cohn

THE HARRY LICHTER CHESED FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Bob Meyer by Bobbie Lichter, Bev and Alan Gersh

IN HONOR OF:
The birthday of Pam and Robby Bloom by Sheryl and Stuart Title

THE H. ALLAN LIPSITZ ENDOWED ADULT EDUCATION FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Edward Dopkin by Beverly and Arnold Feldman

RABBI MARK G. LOEB MEMORIAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Morton Rodbell by Sylvia and Stan Schneider
Stanford Franklin by Molly and Buddy Levin and Family

THE MAX MENDELSON ENDOWMENT MIKVAH FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Morton Rodbell by Sonia and Ed Obstler

THE MORNING MINYAN FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Morton Rodbell by Marsha Sindler, Joseph and Linda Napora, Pauline and Al Auslander
Lenore Sborofsky by The Stander Family
Sandra Paglialonga by Asher Elkayam and Family
Mark Snyder by Asher Elkayam and Family
Gordon Schwartz by Renee and Burton King

IN HONOR OF:
Shirley Cohen receiving an honor by the FIDF by Hulane Zolet
The birth of the granddaughter of Lynne and Joseph Koff by Dale and Ray Kahn

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:
Jerry Cohen by Renee and Burton King

THE PRAYER BOOK FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Stanley Rosenstock by Shirley Bond

IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:
Zelda Schrum by Barbara and Norman Schrum
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THE RABBI STEVEN SCHWARTZ TRIBUTE FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Robert Healy by Robin and Karl Mindel
Dr. Allen Spak by Beverly and Arnold Feldman
George Fuld by Judy and Bob Cohen and Family
Morton Rodbell by Linda and Stanley Nachimson, Sally and Harold Goldberg, Ellen and Jay Marks and Family, Renee and Burton King
Lenore Sborofsky by Hedy From and Michael Rubenstein
Gordon Schwartz by Froma and Jules Willen

IN HONOR OF:
The Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Meister by Shari and Tom Kohn
The Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Cooper by Shari and Tom Kohn
The Bar Mitzvah of Emily Kahn by Shari and Tom Kohn
The Bar Mitzvah of Henry Hutzler by Shari and Tom Kohn
The special birthday's of Miriam and Robert Zadek by Hedy From and Michael Rubenstein
The marriage of Alex Scher to Simnia Singer-Sayada by Ellen and Jay Marks and Family

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:
Rina Janet by Ruth and David Naftaly

THE SELTZER GOLD PRE-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF:
The special birthday and achievements of Aaron Boxerman by Stella and Harvey Gold
The special birthday and Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Vogel by Stella and Harvey Gold
The special birthday of Dr. Judy Jarrell by Stella and Harvey Gold

THE MORTON SPIND CONFIRMATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF:
The Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Spind by Ilene and Chuck Weiner

THE MELVIN AND ANITA STEINBERG COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Doris Cohen by Anita and Mickey Steinberg
Gordon Schwartz by Anita and Mickey Steinberg
Jacob Arbesman by Anita and Melvin Steinberg

IN HONOR OF:
Brooke Shemer passing the Bar exam by Anita and Mickey Steinberg

IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:
Julia Steinberg by Anita and Mickey Steinberg

THE STEINHARDT-BALACHOW FAMILY YOUTH FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Dr. Allen Spak by Diane and Jeffrey Lieberman

THE DENNIS AND RONA WEINER SOCIAL WELFARE FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Morton Weiner by Bonnie and Robin Brodinsky, Ina and Bill Leboe, Barbara and Marshall Goldman, Susan and Steve Weintraub

THE ELLIOT AND SUSAN WEINSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:
Elliot Weinstein by Marcia and David Yumkas

THE DR. MICHAEL WEINTRAUB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF:
The Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Brooks by Susan and Steve Weintraub
The Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Austin Alperstein by Susan and Steve Weintraub

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:
Rina Janet by Susan and Steve Weintraub

THE YAHRZEIT FUND

IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:
Mel Schweitzer by Ginny Schweitzer and Family
Hilda Dina Lewis by Sandy and Ken Glick
Robert Glick by Sandy and Ken Glick
Sara From by Hedy From
Benjamin Whiteman by Lee and Alfred Whiteman
Leah Wiesenberger by Ellen and Stuart Wiesenberger
Jacob Wolfson by Bernice Wolfson
Pearl Printz by Esther Weiner
Bertha Whitman by Shirley Whitman
Dr. Jerome Koepfel by Shirley Whitman
Reuben Pass by Shirley Whitman
Gertrude Fader by Esther Berelowitz
Dr. Edward D. Spire by Mr. and Mrs. Mishel S. Roseman

THE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

IN MEMORY OF:
Miriam Caplan by Phyllis and Fred London
Emily Velelli by Martha Siegel and Herb Berkow
Morton Rodbell by Robin and John Denick, Janet and Paul Kramer
Fred Nochumowitz by Cindy and Jon Hazman and Family



Jack Boonshaft, congregant and President of the Mens' Club, is helping the preschool build an outdoor classroom with a natural music center. We welcome donations of old pots, pans and/or utensils.

For questions and more information contact Ilene Vogelstein, 410-602-2245 or email ilenev@bethelbalto.com. If you would like to make a donation to our outdoor classroom please drop materials off at the preschool office.

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IN HONOR OF:

The Bar Mitzvah of Taj Pinkner by Terry and Jerry Zimlin
The Bar Mitzvah of William David Levenson by Marsha Sindler
The Bat Mitzvah of the granddaughter of Rhona and David Braver by Eunice and Sidney Friedman

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Rina Janet by Harriet Kramer

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

IN MEMORY OF:

Harold Gitomer by Barbara and Benjy Green to The Green Family Religious Services Fund
Morton Rodbell by Rita Silverman, Linda and Howard Dreizen and Family, Beverly and Ray Gelfand to The Morning Minyan Fund
Robert Healy by Linda and Eric Cohen, Dr. Marc and Mrs. Nancy Gertner, Dr. Ralph and Mrs. Beverly Epstein, Maureen and Jim Wilson to The Prayer Book Fund
Miriam Caplan by Rita and Alan Feinberg, Carol Hawtoff to The Prayer Book Fund
David Oken by Dale and Ray Kahn to The Prayer Book Fund
Sheldon Sherman by Sheila and Howard Sandbank to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Morton Rodbell by Susan Goddard and John Dammeyer to The Adult Choir Fund
Eddie Dopkin by Mitzi and Lewis Penn to The Dr. Jerome and Marlene Koepfel Memorial Scholarship Fund
Martin Pinsky by Molly and Buddy Levin and Family
Morton Rodbell by Jann and Jack Sidorov to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Dr. Allen Spak by Joseph and Linda Napora, Howard and Sheila Sandbank to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Sylvia Shapiro by Nancy Leaderman and Matthew Bray to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Joan Schwartz by Alice and Mayer Schwartz to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Emily Velelli by Joanne and Gabriel Pantelides to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Morton Rodbell by Eileen and Paul Feldman to The Youth Education Fund
Emily Velelli by The Sociables to The Youth Education Fund
Dr. Allen Spak by Abby and Steve Lazinsky to The Youth Education Fund
Brooke Greenberg by Denise and Keith Franz to The Youth Education Fund
Emily Velelli by Harriet Michaelson, The Alive Staff to The Youth Education Fund
Monty Hartsell by Judith and Kenneth Margolis to The Herman Lubcher Scholarship Fund
Morton Rodbell by Elaine, Lester, Michael and Vivian Goodman to The Morning Minyan Fund
Stanley Rosenstock by Jean and Brian Levin to The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Judiac Studies College Scholarship Fund
Celia Needle by Judith and Kenneth Margolis to The Herman Lubcher Scholarship Fund
Gordon Schwartz by Natalie and John Spector to The Nathan and Pauline Mash Pre-School Fund
Sheldon Sherman by Adrienne and Stuart Joffe to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Burton Stern by Allan Weinstein to The Benjamin D., Elaine G., Dr. Frederick, Gertrude Y. & Harold S. Weinstein Memorial Scholarship Fund

Gordon Schwartz by Denise and Keith Franz to The Youth Education Fund
Deborah Bailey by Alma and Lanny Schuster to The Eddy Schuster Memorial Library Fund
Gloria Levenson by Jean Bernstein to The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Judiac Studies College Scholarship Fund
Robert Healy by Judy and Richard Schlossberg to The Adler Lev Scholarship Fund
Harriett Resnick by Barbara, Paul, Stacy, Matt and Mitchell Cooper to The Prayer Book Fund
Dr. Allen Spak by Jen and Brian Zlotnick to The Youth Education Fund
Jerry Meyer by Shirley Offit, Annette Patz to The Morton Offit Endowed Memorial Fund
Morton Weiner by Nancy and Marc Gertner, Jill and Ronnie Greenwald, Fran Crystal and Family, Ina and Bill Leboe, Ellen and Robert Samet, Sue and Bob Clark, Mark and Jeffrey Komins, to The Dennis and Rona Weiner Social Welfare Fund

IN HONOR OF:

The Aliyah received by Herbert Better on Rosh Hashana by Michele and Herbert Better to The Dr. Michael I. Feinglass Memorial Scholarship Fund
The special birthday of Hilly Greenstein by Bev and Alan Gersh to The Harry Lichter Chesed Fund
The special birthday of Larry Barrash by Bev and Alan Gersh to The Harry Lichter Chesed Fund
The new home of Joyce and Herbert Kronthal by Adele and Jerry Sidle to The Adam Kronthal Special Needs Fund
The special birthday of Dr. Howard Bernstein by Bob and Linda Hankin to The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Memorial Fund
The new home of Joyce and Herbert Kronthal by Adele and Jerry Sidle to The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Memorial Fund
The marriage of Natalie Cohen by Abby and Steve Lazinsky to The Youth Education Fund
The new home of Joyce and Herbert Kronthal by Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Brager, Jr. to The Adam Kronthal Special Needs Fund
The Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Spind by Bea and Ron Shapiro to The Morton Spind Confirmation Scholarship Fund
The 60th wedding anniversary of Gilda and Harold Resnick by Bea Grossfeld to The Prayer Book Fund
The 85th birthday's of Miriam and Bob Zadek by Barbara and Chick Silbertstein to The Rabbi Jacob and Miriam Agus Scholarship Fund
The new home of Joyce and Herb Kronthal by Marianne and Erv Sekulow to The Adam Kronthal Special Needs Fund
Merle and Richard Intner by Hulie Levi to The H. Allan Lipsitz Endowed Adult Education Fund
The baby naming of Emma Nusbaum by Carole and Banny Nusbaum to The Sadie and Sylvan Nusbaum Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sid Molofsky by Dana Rosenfeld and Eric Biel to The H. Allan Lipsitz Endowed Adult Education Fund
The birth of Adina Rose Freiman by Sharon Freiman to The Max Mendelsohn Mikvah Fund
The special birthdays of Miriam and Robert Zadek by Beverly and Sam Penn to The Prayer Book Fund
The special wedding anniversary of Gilda and Harold Resnick by Donna and Mayer Handelman to The Prayer Book Fund
The Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Spind by Karen and Alan Berkowitz to The Morton Spind Confirmation Scholarship Fund
The new home of Joyce and Herb Kronthal by Emily and Larry Kaufman to The Adam Kronthal Special Needs Fund

Lifting the Torah by Naomi and Howard Rovner to The Irving and Rose Lebowitz Memorial Sefer Torah Fund
The Bat Mitzvah of Sharon Freiman by Miriam and Sidney Schlachman to The H. Allan Lipsitz Endowed Adult Education Fund
The 60th wedding anniversary of Gilda and Harold Resnick by Eunice and Sidney Friedman to The Prayer Book Fund
The special birthday of Marlene Greenebaum by Susan and Elliot Weinstein to The Elliot and Susan Weinstein Scholarship Fund
Rabbi Schwartz by Shirley Rodbell to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
The Bar Mitzvah of Josh Meister by Terry and Gene Seidel and Family to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
The birth of Caleb Cooperstein by Lisa Issacson to The Al Zlotowitz Chapel Maintenance Fund
The marriage of Jennifer and Sephy Bounan by Lisa Issacson to The Al Zlotowitz Chapel Maintenance Fund
The marriage and beautiful growing family of Theresa and Jeff Levine by Lisa Issacson to The Al Zlotowitz Chapel Maintenance Fund

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Rina Janet by Bea Shapiro, Natalie and John Spector to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Rina Janet by Barbara and Chick Silberstein to The Rabbi Jacob and Miriam Agus Scholarship Fund
Herb Kronthal by Emily and Larry Kaufman to The Adam Kronthal Special Needs Fund

IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

Daniel W. Caplan by Ann and Ira Robinson, Patti and Lisa to The Daniel W. and Norma F. Caplan Pre-School Media Resource Fund
Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman by Dr. Samuel I. Hammerman and Family to The Cantor Saul and Aileen Hammerman Music Fund
Nathan S. Greenspun by Gordon Greenspun to The Yahrzeit Fund
Esther Huddles by The Huddles Family to The Paul Huddles Memorial Scholarship Fund
Louis Bromfeld by Rhoda and Morris Katz to The Mitzvah Fund
Isaac H. Zlotowitz by Dina and Michael Volk to The Mitzvah Fund
Esther Hackerman by Benjamin Hackerman to The Yahrzeit Fund
Louis Hackerman by Benjamin Hackerman to The Yahrzeit Fund
Susan N. Hackerman by Benjamin Hackerman to The Yahrzeit Fund
Martin Sagel by Daniel Sagel to The Yahrzeit Fund
Max Greenwald by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Greenwald to The Yahrzeit Fund
Rudolph Cohen by Sylvia and Irvin Cohen to The Yahrzeit Fund
Neal Deoul by Kathleen and Shannon Deoul to The Yahrzeit Fund
Jacob Himelfarb by Don and Eileen Himelfarb to The Yahrzeit Fund
Carol Sue Kramer by Dr. Morton Kramer to The Yahrzeit Fund
Larry Burg by Rabbi Daniel Burg to The Morning Minyan Fund
Beatrice King by Renee and Burton King to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Norton Schwartz by Dr. Mayer and Alice Schwartz to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund
Steven Michaelson by Louis and Rita Michaelson to The Yahrzeit Fund

Lillian Richman by Gerald M. Richman to The Yahrzeit Fund
Sylvan Pleet by Mrs. Mindy Fishkind to The Yahrzeit Fund
Carl Morstein by Jay and Ellen Morstein to The Yahrzeit Fund
Martin Fingerhood by Marianne and Michael Fingerhood to The Yahrzeit Fund
Edward Reicher by Ilene Penn to The Yahrzeit Fund
Murray Siegel by Harry Siegel to The Yahrzeit Fund
Joseph Smith by Marcia Gellis to The Prayer Book Fund
Selma Handelman by Linda and Jerry Mondell to The Yahrzeit Fund
Stanley Sagel by Daniel Sagel to The Yahrzeit Fund
Morton Nettleby by Mae Nettleby and Family to The Morning Minyan Fund
Samuel Rosensweig by Daniel Sagel to The Yahrzeit Fund
William Modell by Marsha and Gene Modell to The Yahrzeit Fund
Sadie Smith Jacobs by Saul D. Jacobs to The Yahrzeit Fund
Sandi Ellen Foster by Sylvia Francus to The Yahrzeit Fund

IN APPRECIATION FOR:

Rabbi Saroken and Ailene Sher leading the "trip of a lifetime" by Beverly Feldman to The Sisterhood Past Presidents Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cantor King's services by Ronie and Michael Exler to The Adult Choir Fund
Rabbi Schwartz's services by Ronie and Michael Exler to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

IN HONOR:
A LEAF ON THE TREE OF LIFE
IN HONOR OF THE 70th BIRTHDAY OF
CAROLE BECKER
NOVEMBER 4, 2013
LOVE DONNA, GARY AND JOEL

THE BAT MITZVAH OF
RYANN MACKENZIE YOSPA
DECEMBER 30, 2013
BY TERRY AND GERALD ZIMLIN

IN MEMORY
WOMEN OF THE BIBLE CHANUKIAH

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DR. E. DAVID MELLITS
BY HIS WIFE, JANET MELLITS MAZOR
AND THEIR CHILDREN
KEN, ARNIE AND MARC MELLITS

"MAYIM ACHRONIM"
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MYRA L. ORING
BY HER SON, IRA, DAUGHTER IN LAW (NANCY)
AND GRANDCHILDREN
REBECCA AND JESSICA

LYRE GUITAR SPICE BOX

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DARON FISHER
AUGUST 9, 2013
BY HIS WIFE BETH
AND CHILDREN ALANA AND EMORY

DIAMONDS, DICE & DENIM EVENT

Saturday, February 22

Join us for an extraordinary evening full of gambling with "funny money" for both the novice and the expert. There will be roulette, poker, black jack and more. "Swimmin with the Sharks" will entertain us with live music. There will be hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar. A special live auction will take place including individual adventures with the clergy. There is a credible rumor that Rabbi Saroken is auctioning a day spent with her on the slopes skiing and Rabbi Schwartz is offering to make homemade beer with another lucky winner. The funds raised go directly to the school for innovative Jewish educational programming, classroom materials, special education classes, scholarships and a variety of other opportunities. For example, this fall the Zayin and Vav Students (7th and 6th graders) traveled to Washington DC to learn about memorials. They studied the WWII Memorial, The Holocaust Museum and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. The students then took what they learned about the memorials and designed their own Holocaust memorials. The projects were thoughtful, and sensitive. Without the allocation from fundraising, our students would not have had this meaningful and life altering and affirming experience. The students gained pride in their country and their Jewish identity. They are now more sensitive to the plight of people and are wary of propaganda.

Tickets are ONLY \$25/person. If you choose the King/Queen option it is \$50/person and you receive extra raffle tickets and your family name on a generous supporter sign at the event. There are also opportunities to promote your business. Please contact **Wendy Elover**, Event Chair, wendy.is@verizon.net or **Jill Eisen**, Staff Partner, jill@bethelbalto.com for more information.

Diamonds, Dice & Denim
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

TICKETS: \$25/PER PERSON

INCLUDES:
"FUNNY MONEY" FOR TABLE GAMES
MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT
HORS D'OEUVRES
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
WINE & BEER CASH BAR

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Innovative educational programming,
classroom materials,
special education classes,
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a variety of unique opportunities
for our students

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LET IT SNOW – BUT KEEP YOUR RADIO OR COMPUTER NEARBY

As a general rule, kids love snow and adults love to hate it. When snow fall causes the closure of schools, you can double this effect. We are bound to experience a few snow events this winter, here is what you need to know about our snow plan.

BETH EL SCHOOL EMERGENCY SNOW PLAN

Weekdays: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood:

- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by noon for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, weather hotline and WBAL TV and Radio.

Sunday: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Sunday School

- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 8:00 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website and weather hotline.

Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education Closing Policy

- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 5:30 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, weather hotline and WBAL TV and Radio.
- We will send an email to all parents by 5:30 a.m. if we are opening late or closing for the day. NO MESSAGE MEANS WE ARE OPEN.
- If inclement weather comes during the day, parents will be notified of an early closing.

**Beth El website: www.bethelbalto.com
Weather Hotline: 410-580-5082**

THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB JUDAIC STUDIES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you are you a student who has successfully completed a course in Judaic Studies, Jewish history, Hebrew language, Holocaust studies, Jewish literature, etc., you are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

If you are interested please contact,
Ailene Sher, Director of Development, at **410-580-5159**
or email ailene@bethelbalto.com



Scott Eckers was the Singer-entertainer at the Seniors Dinner on November 10. Scott waves flag in tribute to Veterans Day.

Some fun at the Seniors Dinner. Trio backs up entertainer at Senior Dinner



SENIORS

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Beth El Seniors will hold their February meeting on **Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Offit Auditorium. Come and join us for coffee, dessert and the film *The Guilt Trip*, starring Barbra Streisand and Seth Rogen. The cost for the afternoon is free for our members and \$5 for guests.

Join us and bring your friends for an entertaining, inexpensive afternoon: movie, sweets, and good company. Who could ask for anything more? It is without a doubt the best deal for your buck!

Reservations are a must and payments are due no later than Thursday, January 30. No walk-ins will be admitted. For further information, call **Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653 or Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242.**

MARCH MEETING

The Beth EL Seniors will be holding their March meeting on **Sunday March 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Offit Auditorium. The cost for this pleasant evening is \$21.00 for members and \$24.00 for guests. Our entertainment for this evening will be The Goldenaires, an instrumental and vocal group.

Reservations and payments are due no later than Thursday, February 27, 2014. Please advise if you would like a sugar free dessert and with whom you would like to be seated. The seating committee will do its best to accommodate your seating wishes.

Remember folks, this is the best deal for your buck: good dinner, good friends, and good entertainment. Bring your friends for this enjoyable evening! "A stranger is only a friend you've yet to meet."

For further information, call **Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653 or Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242.**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Beth El Seniors is always welcoming new members 50 years of age or older to join our active organization. Dues are only \$15 per person per year and each of our dinner meetings which include enjoyable entertainment each month cost \$20 per member. Where else can you go for such a great deal? Call **Martha Glasner at 410-486-7407** for a membership application.

TORAH MAINTENANCE FUND

A project of the Beth El Seniors is to support the maintenance and repair of our synagogue's Torahs and Megillot. A kosher, usable Torah must be written by hand with a pen and special ink by a learned scribe. Every letter must be perfectly formed and every word must be correctly spelled. The ink cannot be chipped off even a little bit. The parchment that the Torah is written on must be flawless. The slightest tear or smudge will render the Torah unfit for use. The Beth El Torahs are regularly inspected and repaired. This is a costly process. Beth El Seniors is pleased to provide financial support for this entire process. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a process that keeps our sacred scrolls preserved for future generations.



Torah Maintenance Fund cards may be purchased at the Beth El front office or call Dorothy Fineblum at 410-653-2631. These all purpose cards are six for \$10 or \$2 each.

The card features a drawing by world famous artist Ira Moskowitz. Born in 1912 as the son and grandson of rabbis, he has infused his work with the customs and traditions of our religion.



Beth El Seniors hosts a joint dinner with Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah and Beth Israel Congregations on November 10, 2013.



THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB CENTER
FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING AT
BETH EL CONGREGATION

**AGUS ACADEMY: "FORGIVING AND LETTING GO"
WITH RABBI SAROKEN**

**Monday, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, Agus Library,
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Fee: No charge

Have you ever been wronged and lost sleep planning your revenge? Have you carried the pain, anger, or resentment with you for so long that it consumed you or weighed you down? This mini-series will explore some of the most painful wrongs in the Torah, and how our ancestors responded: seeking justice or striving to forgive. We will also study the works of our ancient rabbis to give us insight into how we can forgive (no matter how big or small the infraction), and how we can ultimately let go of the anger, resentment and pain in order to live more fully and happily. This class will deal with real issues that will affect your life, your relationships and the way that you live.

**YOURS, MINE AND OURS: "TERROR AND ECSTASY:
GREAT BIBLICAL CHARACTERS AND THE MOMENTS
THAT DEFINE THEM"**

Session I: continued, January 8, 15, 22

**Session II: Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26,
April 2, 9, 30, May 7**

Agus Library, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Instructors: Rosann Catalano, PhD, Staff Scholar at the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies and the Beth El Rabbis

The Bible overflows with narratives of great characters, some very well known, others buried in obscure texts. In our class this year, we will study these characters through the lens of their encounter(s) with the divine; defining moments of terror or of ecstasy that redefine their self-understanding, their understanding of God, and the relationship of one to the other.

Fee: Session II – \$100, Beth El Members, \$150, non-members

**BALTIMORE HEBREW INSTITUTE ADULT EDUCATION
HEBREW COURSES AT BETH EL**

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Spring 2014 (15 sessions)

Wednesdays, February: 5, 12, 19, 26, March: 5, 12, 19, 26,

April: 2, 9, 23, 30, May: 7, 14, 21

Fee: \$270

Offering Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, as well as, Modern Hebrew: Absolute Beginner, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels.

For more information or to register, contact Michelle Taylor at 410-704-7118 or mtaylor@towson.edu

**JEWISH LAWS, CUSTOMS AND ETHICAL ISSUES AROUND
LIFE CYCLE EVENTS: MARRIAGE – RABBI SAROKEN**

Thursday, January 23, Agus Library, 7:00 p.m.

TORAH L'SHMA WITH SANDY WINTERS

Mondays, Agus Library, 9:15 a.m.

Fee: No charge

The name of this class means "learning of its own sake." We will explore a different topic each session from Biblical, rabbinic, and historical texts to more contemporary ones, including recent books of Jewish interest. Since every class is self-contained participants may come whenever they wish.

JEWISH SHORT STORIES WITH GAIL LIPSITZ

Monday, January 6, Agus Library, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30 Beth El members, \$40 non-members for a 6 series session
Enjoy reading selected short fiction by contemporary Jewish writers of note and participate in a lively group discussion.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are easy ways to keep in touch with Beth El between issues of *The Voice*!

In addition to signing up for E-Voice, the complete, online version of *The Voice*, you can also sign up for our bi-weekly family update and visit us online.

- To receive **E-Voice** in your inbox each month up to one week before everyone else receives *The Voice* in the mail, send your request to **Amanda Freed** at **amanda@bethelbalto.com**. You must indicate if you want to receive both *E-Voice* and *The Voice*.

- Our **website** can be found at **www.bethelbalto.com** and now has videos, pictures and a full calendar of events and services, dedicated pages for the schools and all the affiliates and committees and more!

- Now you can follow us on **Facebook**, Beth El Congregation of Baltimore.

- Follow us on **Twitter** at BethElBalto.

- Follow Rabbi Schwartz on **Twitter** @sceezo.

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things are gifts from God and Tu B'Shvat reminds us not to take it all for granted.

Tu B'Shvat is one of the four New Years on our Jewish calendar. Originally, the day was a tax day; the day on which Jews would calculate which fruit would be included in the tithe that was brought to the Temple. Over the years that the Temple stood, on Tu B'Shvat the farmers would offer the first fruits from the trees they had planted, once the trees had turned four years old. After the Second Temple was destroyed and Jews were dispersed outside of the Land of Israel, a new ritual emerged to help Jews living outside the Holy Land maintain a spiritual connection to the holiday. This was to eat fruit from the Holy Land on this particular holiday. In the 15th century, the Kabbalists (mystics) took this tradition one step further and created a special seder for Tu B'Shvat at which they would drink four cups of wine and eat the fruits and nuts of Israel. Still later, in the late 19th century, with the rise of Zionism, Tu B'Shvat was a holiday that celebrated the newfound privilege of working and honoring the Land.

Whatever you're doing this Tu B'Shvat... Why not consider finding a special way to connect with the holiday? Do some planting, go for a hike and take special note of the natural world that surrounds you, or take a page out of the kabbalists book and invite some friends over to try some of the new wines from the newly acclaimed and diverse vineyards in Israel (with some fruits and nuts to munch on). Or maybe, you'll make time to find a way to reach out to others and to pay the gifts and blessings that we've been given forward: Head over to Pearlstone's Kayam Farm, do some planting in our Preschool's Garden, call Civic Works to do some volunteering, do whatever you can to honor this day. It is hard work....being committed Jews. It is hard work.... living with gratitude. And it's hard work to make time to teach and live according to the values of our tradition – but once a year – at a time when we're inclined to bundle up indoors with our down blankets and turn up the heat, let's make time to get together, to honor nature, and to appreciate all that God has given us.



We continue to enjoy the 1st Wednesday series. The programs are light and fun for anyone. We will sell beer and wine and provide non-alcoholic beverages for all. Join us at Beth El on these 1st Wednesdays. Offit Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Fee: No Charge

January 8: Dr. Donald Thomas, astronaut and mathematics professor at Towson State University, will discuss his experiences in space, accompanied by a fascinating slide presentation. This program is appealing to adults and is appropriate for children 8 years and older.

February 5: Dr. Susan Vick, Curator, Goldsmith Museum, Chizuk Amuno Congregation will present "Jewish Women in Art." Celebrate National Women's Month with Dr. Vick as she shares with us art of Jewish women through the ages.

COMING UP:

March 5: Mr. Steelman will give an entertaining presentation about the 150-year history of the Jewish influence on Major League Baseball, from players and owners to musicians, clowns, a scandal, even a spy and much more. The talk is appropriate for all baseball and Jewish history lovers ages 8 and up. Hot dogs and snacks will be available at 6:30 p.m.

**NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
FOR JANUARY TWO'S, MY GROWN
UP AND ME, AND ZUMBINI CLASSES!**

January Twos class begins Monday, January 6

We offer flexible scheduling to accommodate full day and part day options. Gym with a Coppermine coach, Hebrew, art and music are just a few of the exciting things children will experience. For more information please contact mandy@bethelbalto.com.

My Grown Up and Me, Tuesdays, starting January 7 - May 20, 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 12 - 24 month old children. Children will have art experiences, music, finger plays and Jewish holiday experiences under the supervision of a trained toddler teacher. Cost \$350 member; \$380 non-member. For more information contact mandy@bethelbalto.com.

Zumbini, Wednesdays starting January 8 - February 26, 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays, starting January 9 - February 27, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Zumbini class is for adults and children from birth to 3 years old. The Zumbini program is where the science of child development meets the magic of Zumba. Classes feature 8 weeks of cool Zumba music packed with kid-friendly tunes. The class will be taught by a certified Zumbini instructor.

Never Too Early To Think About Camp!

Register now for our exciting new summer program with Coppermine. Same flexible schedule, expanded sports and nature experiences, and optional swimming. For more information contact **Mandy Barish** at mandy@bethelbalto.com.



The preschoolers are digging for sweet potatoes they had previously planted.



SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY



The preschool and infant toddlers loved having grandparents and special friends come and visit our classrooms.

TORAH SPARKS

Shabbat, Schuster Library, 11:00 a.m.

Beth El's Youth Minyan

Learn to lead the Shabbat morning prayers through games, stories, puppets and more! All school aged children are invited to join us!

**January 25 • February 8
March 22 • April 26 • May 10**

*Grab your family and friends
and join us for IPPE Shabbat!*

**Shabbat, once monthly
Schuster Library, 10:15 a.m.**

IPPE Family Shabbat is led by Rabbi Faith Cantor, Morah Becky, and the amazing T'filah Team and Mitzvah Monsters. We meet at 10:15 a.m. in the Schuster Library. Families with children of all ages are invited to join us for songs, stories, and a wonderful family Shabbat experience.

Mark Your Calendar!

**January 11 March 1 May 10
February 1 April 5**

TOT SHABBAT

2013-2014

Kreitzer Memorial Room, 11:15 a.m.

Bring your tot to a Tot Shabbat service at Beth El to meet new families, to enjoy songs, stories and kiddush afterwards!

Contact **Becky Gordon** at beckybeckybg@gmail.com.

**January 4, 11, 25 • February 1, 22
March 1, 8, 22 • April 5, 26 • May 3, 17, 31**

IT'S BACK!

Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!



**M&M Shabbat
2013 - 2014**

**Gorn Chapel,
5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.**

Join Rabbi Saroken and Cantor King for M&M Shabbat - a spirited, engaging and participatory Shabbat service for kids up to 6 years of age and their families. Feel free to bring your favorite musical instruments. Following each M&M Shabbat, we'll join together for an oneg in the Schapiro Auditorium with grape juice, challah and sweet Shabbat treats!

Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!

**January 3 March 7 May 2
February 7 April 4 June 6**

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(ADDITIONS SINCE LAST PUBLICATION)
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Legacy gifts offer our congregants the opportunity to convey their feelings for the positive impact that Beth El has had on their lives and the lives of their families. It allows them to think beyond their lifetime and to leave a personal legacy by making a difference in the lives that follow them.

A Beth El endowment fund has been created for these special gifts. Legacy gifts allow the Congregation to sustain current programs and services and create new ones. Finally, a bequest gift requires no immediate cash outlay; rather, the gift is received at the death of the donor(s).

For more information about legacy gifts visit the Beth El Website;

<http://www.bethelbalto.com/LegacySociety>

And/ or contact **Ailene Sher** at: 410-580-5159, or email: ailene@bethelbalto.com.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Social Action Committee is continuing to serve Beth El and the community:

- We had a successful blood drive at the end of October.
- We adopted families for the holidays and delivered food for Moveable Feast on Christmas day to those in need.
- We delivered sodas and donuts to area police and fire stations in honor of their hard work for the holidays. Thank you for the generosity of Michael Klein and ShopRite for supplying donuts and to Coco-Cola Enterprises for supplying the sodas that were delivered to the police and fire departments for the holidays in honor of all of their good work.

The Transportation Committee Needs Your Help!

We continue to look for volunteers to drive congregants, who have difficulty with transportation to doctors' appointments and/or Shabbat services. There seems to be a growing demand for this service. If you would like to volunteer email **Amanda Freed** at amanda@bethelbalto.com or call **410-484-0411**.

In the spirit of Bikur Cholim we try to visit families during Shiva and are forming a small committee whose members will reach out to visit those congregants in need.

Come Join Us!

**11TH ANNUAL
TIKKUN OLAM PROJECT**

**Sunday, January 26, 2014
Myers Auditorium
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

The Sisterhood and Social Action Committee are co-sponsoring the 11th Annual Tikkun Olam Project. We will be making table decorations for seniors, collecting food for the Crisis Center, making edible treats for the children to take home, along with providing a light lunch.



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

**20% OFF THE WHOLE
MONTH OF JANUARY**

The sale is on all full-priced merchandise, excluding talitot, consignment merchandise and special orders. Payment by cash or check.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Monday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For appointment, contact **Barbara Green** at **410-486-4080** or **BarbSG@aol.com**.

Remember we gladly gift wrap all of your purchases.



Go Green Resolutions!



- 1) **Lose the meat.** By replacing meat and dairy products with healthier, leaner options, you will naturally lose extra pounds. Use almond milk in place of cow's milk and eat hummus with your veggies. Commit to serving a vegan meal once a week or go all out and give up animal products for a day, a week or maybe even a month.
- 2) **Exercise more outdoors.** Commit to trying a new winter sport, walking in a new environment, or spending time outdoors with a friend.
- 3) **Spend less money.** Buy more in second-hand stores and thrift shops. Try a new recipe and make more food at home. Buy fruits and vegetables in season. Carpool more. Take public transportation more. Bike and walk more. Turn down your thermostat more.
- 4.) **Work on a new green habit.** Maybe it'll be composting, buying fair trade coffee, recycling your old batteries and replacing them with rechargeable ones, or buying fair trade, organic bananas. Start small and work from there.
- 5.) **Be local.** Read more at your local library and take advantage of local events. Investigate the parks and trails in your neighborhood. Check out your local co-op. Support your locally owned coffee shop and hardware store.

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Memorial Park

The Beth El Memorial Park has served the needs of the Beth El Congregation and the entire Baltimore Jewish Community for more than two generations. A "Makom Kodesh" (a "holy place"), it is a beautifully maintained cemetery of more than 15 acres, located at 9700 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD.

Many families choose to purchase lots well in advance of their time of need. This relieves families of an added burden during an emotionally stressful time. Individual or family plots may be purchased with convenient payment plans. Please contact Andy Katz at 410-484-0411 or andy@bethelbalto.com for more information.



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