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## Let's Make The Story Count!

By Rabbi Dana Saroken

*"It is a positive commandment to make the story known to one's children, even if they do not ask, as it says: You shall tell it to your children. And you need to make a change on this evening so that the children will see it and they will ask, 'Why is this night different from any other night?' So that you can answer them." (Maimonides, Laws of Chametz and Matza 7:3)*

**M**y children love stories and they love being read to at night; they love the new books that they enthusiastically bring home from their weekly trips to the school library, they love the books that they have heard so many times that they can

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## ILENE VOGELSTEIN BECOMES ECE DIRECTOR

**T**he Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education is proud to announce Ilene Vogelstein has offered to remain at Beth El beyond the end of the current school year. Our Congregation's professional and lay leaders have accepted her offer with great enthusiasm!

Ilene has shifted from her current position as Acting Director to the position of Director of the Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education. She will be overseeing all of our Early Childhood Programs, including Infant/Toddler, the Preschool, Family Activities, Early Drop-off, Late Stay and Summer Camp. We are thrilled, excited and so grateful to have Ilene joining our staff permanently.

When asked why Ilene chose to stay at Beth El she explained, "I have an amazing and dedicated staff, the support of the congregation's clergy, administration, Board, and involved and committed parents. Plus, I love playing with and learning from the children. You couldn't ask for anything more."

In less than one year, Ilene Vogelstein has transformed Beth El's Early Childhood Programs, capturing the hearts of the children and gaining the respect and admiration of families and staff. We most sincerely thank Ilene for bringing to Beth El her warmth and energy, her excellent leadership skills, her expert knowledge of Jewish early childhood education and her commitment to further advance the progress



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—Dr. Bor*

that is so clearly underway.

"Ilene Vogelstein is a wonderful, innovative educator. She loves children and it shows in her work. Under her leadership, I know we will see growth in numbers and quality of education, environment, teaching, and experiences. She is appreciated and admired greatly by the parents, teachers, and administration. We are very fortunate to have Ilene here at Beth El with our students," exclaimed Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to working with Ilene in her new role and to watching and participating as our Early Childhood Programs, and the children and families they serve, continue to grow and flourish, successfully and productively well into the future.

## DEALING WITH DIS-EASE

By Ailene Sher, Director of Development

**D**is-ease... The cancer within me doesn't feel like a disease, it's just not comfortable. For the past months I have been living with ovarian cancer which has spread to my chest cavity. Within a matter of weeks, a pathology report that came back with stage 2 high risk cancer, had been upgraded to stage 4 cancer. I had been living a healthy life-style: including regular yoga classes, acupuncture, healthy eating and doing all the things that we're supposed to do to stay healthy. But I had the gene.

Cancer runs in my family and since my father was diagnosed with breast cancer in his 80's, I was advised to be tested for the BRCA gene. Having the gene meant my chance of getting ovarian cancer was 80% higher than the rest of the population. I deliberated for a while until my doctor (a Beth El congregant) convinced me to have the surgery. It was a total shock for everyone when the surgery revealed my cancer.

Over the past ten weeks, I have been undergoing weekly chemotherapy at the Sandra and Malcolm Berman Breast Cancer Center at GBMC (Yes, an integral part of our



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Beth El family as well). Not only is the center beautiful, but the unbelievable care of the doctors, assistants and staff (many who are also a part of our Beth El family) have made these treatments feel almost pleasurable. I now find myself looking forward to my weekly visits knowing that with each treatment I am one step closer to being well. Besides being a bit tired now and again and losing my hair, there are no side effects and my spirits are strong.

The medical treatments and attention I have been receiving have surely helped me. But a

huge part of my healing is also due to being a part of this community – this family. From the prayers you have all said for me, to the car rides and your presence during my treatments, from the meals and care packages that you sent my way, to flowers, contributions, emails, cards and love. I cannot begin to thank you all or to let you know how much of a difference this love and support has made in my life; It has made this part of my journey so much easier to deal with.

What have I learned? That having access to wonderful healthcare is vital and so is faith and community. My faith and my belief in God is central to who I am and it helps me live life and appreciate everything I have been given and the miraculous world around me. My family, friends and community have been my angels. Through my dis-ease I have realized that these relationships are vital to my very being and that being a part of a community helps you live life more fully and enriches your life exponentially. We call ourselves the "Beth El family" for a reason and I have experienced it first hand: Our congregants are there to celebrate with us in the good times and are there for us when times get tough. And for being there through it all with me – I am eternally grateful!

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

Mrs. Marlene Appelbaum on the loss of her beloved mother, Rosalie Leace;  
 Mrs. Gail Brooks, Mrs. Janet Blum and Mr. Donald Goldman on the loss of their beloved mother, Rheda H. Goldman;  
 Mrs. Robin Cohen on the loss of her beloved husband, Phillip C. Cohen;  
 Mrs. Tena Deckelbaum and Mr. Rich Feldman on the loss of their beloved father, Joseph Wiesenfeld;  
 Mr. David Goldberg on the loss of his beloved mother, Miriam Waitsman;  
 Mr. Bernard Isaacson on the loss of his beloved sister, Betty Surasky;  
 Mrs. Robin Kleiman on the loss of her beloved husband, Dr. Stephen E. Kleiman;  
 Mrs. Sheila Lattin on the loss of her beloved mother, Florence Zukerberg;  
 Mr. Stephen Richmond on the loss of his beloved father, Alvin Richmond;  
 Mrs. Jane Zweig on the loss of her beloved father, Solomon Goodman.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Beatrice Shapiro

**OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barr on the engagement of their daughter, Brittany J. Barr to Nathaniel Lehnhoff; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bereson;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Berman on the engagement of their son, Michael Kevin Berman to Alison Rose Pecukonis; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Berman and Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Weinstein; great-grandmother is Mrs. Hilda Rudo;  
 Mr. Mark Cohen and Ms. Mindie Cohen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Britt Cohen;  
 Mr. Robb Cohen and Dr. Gail Schwartz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elizabeth Cohen;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Douglas on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jordan Douglas;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoch on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Naomi Ilana Hoch;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacobs on the birth of their grandson, Jack Elliott Jacobs-Cornblatt; great grandfather is Mr. Theodore DeBois;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Plotkin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jordan Plotkin; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plotkin;  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Silbiger on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Gillian Silbiger; grandparents are Mrs. Jo Cohen and the late Harold Cohen;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Smelkinson on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Aliya Smelkinson; grandmother is Miriam Smelkinson;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snyder on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eli Snyder; grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Larry A. Snyder;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Erik Sparks on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Madison Sparks; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rene Daniel.

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES**

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Cohen on their 45th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ziman on their 45th  
 Mr. and Dr. Michael Norman on their 25th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan Silver on their 25th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Dackman on their 20th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Elkin on their 20th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Speert on their 20th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adler on their 15th

**SPONSOR A SHABBAT KIDDUSH**

Sponsoring a Beth El *Shabbat Kiddush* is the perfect way to celebrate a birthday, an upcoming wedding or any other *simcha*. Sponsors names are mentioned from the bimah when the rabbi does the weekly announcements. Contact **Diane Cole**, Event Coordinator, at **410-484-0411** or **diane@bethelbalto.com** and she will help you plan your special *Kiddush*.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**PHILLIP COHEN  
 RHEDA H. GOLDMAN  
 DR. STEPHEN E. KLEIMAN**

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**

**Aliya Carly Smelkinson**, daughter of Deborah and Jeffrey Smelkinson will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* April 14, 2012.



**BAT MITZVAH**

**Elizabeth Jane Cohen**, daughter of Gail Schwartz and Robb Cohen will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* April 21, 2012.



**BAT MITZVAH**

**Gillian Beth Silbiger**, daughter of Sherri and David Silbiger will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* April 21, 2012.



**BAT MITZVAH**

**Madison Hillary Sparks**, daughter of Lisa and Erik Sparks will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* April 28, 2012.



**BAT MITZVAH**

**Jordan Zoe Plotkin**, daughter of Marcie and Jeffrey Plotkin will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* April 28, 2012.



**BAR MITZVAH**

**Jordan Tyler Douglas**, son of Erika and Howard Douglas will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* May 5, 2012.



**BAT MITZVAH**

**Naomi Ilana Hoch**, daughter of Rachel and Daniel Hoch will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* May 5, 2012.

**Beth El Baby**



**Full Name:**  
**Benjamin Joseph Samuel Eisen**  
**Born:**  
**April 23, 2011**  
**Adopted:**  
**December 12, 2011**  
**Parents:**  
**Jill and Scott Eisen**  
**Grandparents:**  
**Lee and Mark Weinstein,**  
**Harrisburg, Pa.**  
**Phyllis Eisen, Delray Beach, Fla.**

Please email jpeg images – along with the name of the infant and family members and the infant's birth date – to **sandi@bethelbalto.com**.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1

MORNING SERVICE 9:15 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6 – EREV PESACH - FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:16 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7 – PASSOVER – DAY 1

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:45 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8 – PASSOVER – DAY 2

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 9 – PASSOVER – FIRST INTERMEDIATE DAY

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10 – PASSOVER – SECOND INTERMEDIATE DAY

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 – PASSOVER – THIRD INTERMEDIATE DAY

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12 – PASSOVER – FOURTH INTERMEDIATE DAY

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:22 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13 – PASSOVER – DAY 7

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:23 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14 – PASSOVER – DAY 8 -

MORNING SERVICE - YISKOR 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:45 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:29 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21

**Parsha of the Week – SHEMINI**  
MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 8:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22 – ROSH CHODESH IYAR – DAY 1

MORNING SERVICE 9:15 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 23 – ROSH CHODESH IYAR – DAY 2

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24 – YOM HAATZMA'UT

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:36 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

**Parsha of the Week – TAZRIA – METZORA**  
MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 8:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 4

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:43 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 5

**Parsha of the Week – ACHAREI MOT –  
KEDOSHIM**  
MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 8:15 p.m.

## BETH EL BLOOD DRIVE

**Wednesday, April 18**

The Beth El blood drive is right around the corner! We seem to always fall short of our 100 pints. PLEASE help us reach our goal this time. We are starting at 8:30 a.m. and will run until 7:00 p.m. There are still plenty of times open, PLEASE call and schedule your



time. We get you in and out usually within one hour total.

If you have not yet reserved a time please call **410-602-8766** or e-mail **sgood18@verizon.net** to do so.

## 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 5:30 p.m.

\*Check website or call 410-580-2727

## SHABBAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Religious Services Committee is looking for volunteers to work as ushers for Shabbat and holiday services. You would only have to commit to once a month. We are also looking for people to be greeters on *Shabbat* mornings when there is a **B'nai Mitzvah**.

Training will be provided. If you are interested please contact either **Lee Snyder** at **410-486-5591** or email **lee.snyder@trgc.com** or **Morris Saks** at **410-484-8482** or email **msaks@gsg-cpa.com**.

## BETH EL HOTLINE NUMBERS

**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



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## MARIN ALSOP AT BETH EL

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2  
at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us and enjoy an intimate conversation with Marin Alsop, Musical Director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Maestro Alsop, a protégé of Leonard Bernstein, will reflect on her relationship with her mentor and reveal how her life has been influenced by that relationship.

This program will be held in the Offit Auditorium and is open to members of Beth El and the community. Be sure to let your family and friends know about this special event. If you have any questions, contact **Dr. Eyal Bor** at **410-484-0411** or email **eyal@bethelbalto.com**.

# SENIORS



We wish all of our members and the entire congregation "A Zeesen Pesach." The Beth El Seniors will not meet in April for our usual dinner meeting because of the Passover Holiday.

In May we are scheduled to participate in a **combined dinner meeting with Club Hatikva at Chizuk Amuno on Sunday, May 6** at 6:00 p.m. **Reservations cost \$21 per person and are due by Wednesday, April 25.** Entertainment will be the Maryland Chorus, a Barbershop choir of 30 voices. Further details will be provided by mail.

We invite the congregation to attend our annual **Seniors Shabbat Service on July 14, 2012.** Both Hebrew and English honors are available. Seniors members who are interested in participating, please call **Barbara Berkowitz at 410-296-8424.**

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

All people over 50 are welcome to our join our group. Dues are \$15 per person. For more information, contact **Ed Berkowitz at 410-296-8424, Betty Zlotowitz at 410-484-9840, Jerry Fineblum at 410-653-2631, Shirley Lipman at 410-415-5588 or Pauline Auslander at 410-764-8011.**

### TORAH MAINTENANCE FUND



A project of the Beth El Seniors is to support the maintenance and repair of our synagogue's Torahs and *Megillot*. Contributing to a process that pays for caring for these sacred scrolls and preserving them for future generations is a *mitzvah*.

Torah Maintenance Fund cards are available at the Beth El Office or call **Dorothy Fineblum at 410-653-2631.** Our all-purpose cards are still 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.*



## THE SCOOP FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE!

### BIKUR CHOLIM:

Helping those in need brings comfort and reinforces connections to life. Our *Bikur Cholim* committee works to maintain a lifeline connection with those who are homebound or need our support through telephone calls and personal visits as well as transportation to services, synagogue programs, and doctors' appointments.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in volunteering to serve on this committee please call **Robert Slatkin at 410-935-5578** or email **yosher@aol.com**. We are particularly in need of visitors; it's not a time consuming commitment.

Also, please let us know if you are aware of anyone who could benefit from these visits.

### VOLUNTEER!

There is an immediate need for volunteers, on a one day a week basis, to sort the clothing donated by our members. If you can help, call **Robert Slatkin at 410-935-5578** or e-mail at **yosher@aol.com**.

## Beth El Shred Day

**May 6, 2012 9 am – 12 noon**  
**Beth El Congregation**  
**8101 Park Heights Ave.**

\$10 donation suggested | ALL proceeds benefit Beth El Social Action programs

On-site shredding of all paper\*

Now's the time to get rid of all those canceled checks, bank statements, everything you're afraid to set out with the recycling. Watch your documents destroyed in seconds and feel good that it will still be recycled. *\*Please remove bindings like old check covers, 3-ring binders, etc. when possible.*

Sponsored by the Environmental Committee

**VANGEL paper inc.**  
**1-800-SHREDDING**



THE BETH EL ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
ANNOUNCES A NEW SERIES.....

# ISRAEL UNDER FIRE

WHAT ARE THE **HOT** ISSUES AFFECTING ISRAEL'S SECURITY?  
LEARN FROM THE PROS.  
WHAT CAN **YOU** DO TO SUPPORT ISRAEL?

Join us for **1 or 2** stimulating Saturday afternoon programs after Shabbat Kiddush,  
12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m. **Free and open to the community.**

**April 28: Refugee Issues: Past and Present**  
Speaker: Roey Tshuvah

Baltimore welcomes Roey as our new BZO and Maccabee Shaliach from Israel. His wife and two young children join him in America as he works to strengthen bonds between our community and Israel.

**May 12: Go forth and support!**  
Speaker: Rafi Rone

Rafi serves as the Director of Jewish and Israel Initiatives for the Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds. He is also the proud husband of Rabbi Dana Saroken, and the adoring father of Gideon, Noa, and Maya.

  
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## IT IS RAELY TRUE

### Service to one's country ...

Most Israeli men serve in the IDF (Israel's army) for three years, while women serve for two years. This regular service generally begins at age 18 for both. After the regular service, most men also follow up with service in the reserves for 30-35 days per year until the age of 51.



### International agreements ...

Israel and Cyprus agreed to launch a joint natural gas and oil exploration venture in their adjoining territorial waters. The deal will also allow Israel to use Cyprus' air space and territorial waters for aerial and naval search and rescue drills. The agreement also means to promote bilateral tourism and trade, agricultural and health cooperation, and research into the eastern Mediterranean. This agreement came shortly after the two countries signed two defense agreements.

Israel and India have signed a key agreement on water treatment technologies. The deal includes the development of joint research and development ventures in the fields of resource management, sewage and drainage.

## ISRAEL: A SPECIAL LAND

By Evan Lutz

When most people come back from the land of Israel, they talk about the sights, sounds, flavors, and people. Seeing the Western Wall was amazing. Floating in the Dead Sea was fascinating. Climbing Masada was incredible. Sure, all of the sights, sounds, flavors, and personalities of Israel are great, but they are not what make Israel a special place.

Israel is special because of the emotions and feelings that are set off when visiting the holy land. When I went to Israel on birthright this past winter break, I had a truly life altering experience. There is one experience in particular that made me believe that Israel has something special to share with each of us.

When we were staying in a Bedouin encampment one night, our tour leader let us have some time to ourselves in the middle of the Negev desert. Here is where my thoughts on Israel changed: in the desert, with the moon shining bright, the stars above me, and by myself among the sand and rocks — I realized that there was something special about the land. I couldn't see it, touch it, or hear it, but I could feel it — something inside of me felt special in that moment, like I was standing before the eyes of the Man Upstairs himself.

This type of experience is not one that people normally share when they return from Israel. Visitors usually marvel at the highlights of Israel, the touristy sights, and the Israelis that live there. That is why I want to share this experience with every person that has and has not yet been to Israel — to prove that Israel is truly a special place worth visiting for every Jew.

Once visiting Israel for the first time, you can see why this land has been fought over, conquered, and re-conquered for thousands of years. It is some of the only non-arid land in the entire Middle East. People have been living in Israel for many more centuries than religion has existed, and they were drawn to its power. Before Judaism, Christianity, and Islam were all created, this land was occupied by people that were drawn to it by forces of nature. It is one of the only places in the area where one can grow crops, raise livestock, and have a constant, reliable source of water. This is what common logic and history tell me.

But my feelings tell me otherwise. Something inside me tells me that people were drawn to this land not because of natural resources, but because of supernatural resources. They had the same experience as me — only 5000 years before. The Torah further supports this claim. Moses supposedly found G-d in the Negev desert.

If you have been to Israel, I hope you will return not for the food or wonderful sights, but because of the power of the land itself. And if you have not been to the holy land, get ready for a life-changing experience.

5th Annual

# Lag B'Omer Bonfire

Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Back Parking Lot

Please join us for fun and festivities as we emulate  
Lag B'Omer celebrations in Israel!



BONFIRE • ENTERTAINMENT • GAMES • MUSIC • PIZZA • S'MORES

Bring a non-free dairy picnic or \$2.00 for a slice of pizza.  
This is a celebration for all ages and it's open to the community.  
RSVP by Sunday, May 6, including the number of slices of pizza you  
plan to buy, to Fran Davis at 410-484-4843 or fran@bethelbalto.com or  
Hene Naidos at 410-602-2245 or hene@bethelbalto.com.

Beth El Lag B'Omer Bonfire May 8, 2012

Yes, we will attend

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children: \_\_\_\_\_



4 Slices of Pizza \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
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## BETH EL IS E-CYCLING

May 6, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you have any electronics that you would like to dispose of safely — this is your opportunity. We will be collecting items in the rear parking lot. A small cash donation of \$10 will be appreciated. An additional \$10 charge for TVs will be required.



## COUNTING THE OMER

The Omer period is a time of 49 days (seven full weeks), beginning with the second night of Pesach, Saturday, April 7 and ending on May 25, the day before the start of Shavuot. It links the Exodus, the rebirth of the Jewish people, with the Revelation, when God gave the people the Law. It is a mitzvah to actively mark these days. Each night a blessing is recited, and the day is 'counted' by announcing the number of the day in the counting cycle.

The general mood of this period is one of semi-mourning. Traditional Jews do not have weddings, play musical instruments, or get haircuts during this time.

There are several explanations for this mood of mourning. The Omer period is a time of apprehensive anticipation of approaching Mount Sinai and God's revelation, commemorated on Shavuot. It is a time during the spring when the fate of the year's crops is determined. There is also a rabbinic legend that a deadly epidemic killed many of Rabbi Akiva's students in the second century.

A time of self-scrutiny and spiritual self-improvement, the Omer period is also full of hope as spring unfolds and the Jewish people move toward the Revelation of Mt. Sinai.

Try counting the Omer at home this year. It is a fun activity to do with children and grandchildren, and helps the family remember that the lessons of Passover should be carried throughout the year. At Beth El the Omer is counted toward the end of evening services, just before the concluding Aleinu prayer.

### Fast of the First Born

Friday April 6, 7:45 a.m.

The traditional Fast of the First Born will take place on Friday, April 6 at 7:45 a.m. Traditionally, first-born sons are expected to fast on the day of the Seder, in anticipation of being redeemed and spared by God, as were the first born sons in Egypt on the first Passover.

However, the obligation to fast may be vitiated through participation in a simcha such as the Siyyum celebration that follows the completion of a tractate of the Talmud. On that morning Rabbi Schwartz will lead the daveners in such an experience and thereby gain an exemption from the fast for the first born for those who attend. This is a lovely custom and a special occasion. **All are cordially urged to attend.**

### PURCHASE YOUR HAGGADAH IN TIME FOR PASSOVER

The Beth El Haggadah is now available for purchase at the main office for \$8 each for members and \$10 each for non-members.

In addition, a music CD, featuring Cantor Thom King and the Beth El Junior Choir singing traditional Passover songs, is available for \$8 each. You may stop by the main office anytime during normal business hours to purchase a Haggadah or CD.



recite them along with me, they love the sacred stories from the Torah, and they love "stories from the heart." The children are always eager to hear a story about my childhood or my husband's or stories of their aunts and uncles and grandparents' life experiences.

After years of storytelling, I oftentimes find myself wishing that I had recorded some of our stories (regrettably, my teenage diaries aren't particularly helpful) and I also wonder from time to time, if there will be a time where they won't be interested in hearing our stories anymore. And so, while they are interested enough to listen and to ask, I dig deep into my memory and my heart and tell the stories.

Maimonides, the great medieval sage and philosopher, knew the importance of telling or retelling a great story. And so did God. A wise man, Maimonides made sure to inform us that we should tell "The story" proactively AND we should tell "The story" even when people aren't asking. He wisely suggested doing strange things on the evening of Passover in order to trigger intrigue (hmmm...) God also, wants to be sure that we know the importance of the act of telling and retelling by instructing us four times in the Torah to tell the Exodus story to future generations (making sure we noted the commandment the first, second or third time around).

The truth is that our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors are familiar with the story of the Exodus. They've learned it in religious school, read excerpts at our Seders, they've maybe even seen the Hollywood version in Spielberg's *Prince of Egypt* (which I highly recommend as a must-watch movie for the whole family before the Seder). And so, sometimes the story itself seems like something we can skim through quickly on route to that scrumptious matzah ball soup and brisket that awaits us.

And so we tell the story of our ancestors: of the days we were enslaved and exploited, with shattered dreams and broken spirits. We tell the story of the arrival of Moses into the world, the story of his rescue by the Egyptian princess. Then, if we follow the Hagaddah, we tell the story of God's miracles: dipping our fingers into our wine glasses as we symbolically remember each plague, of the parting of the sea and the greatest miracle of all – that God heard our cries and with an outstretched arm, redeemed us.

We notice, as we tell these particular stories that Moses is mysteriously absent from our Hagaddah. We've written Moses out of our Haggadot in order to ensure that future generations know it was not because of Moses that the Jewish People were saved and redeemed, but rather it was because of God's compassion and love. By the grace of God...

Moses' role in the story is the human arm of activism. As Dr. Erica Brown suggests, "It was his initial acts of social justice, however, that made God notice him in the first place.

Our biblical texts are rich with verbs for Moses' sight and vision. Moses saw a taskmaster beating one of his brethren. Moses saw two Jews fighting and tried to break up their conflict. He then fled to Median as a refugee only to land at the site of a well where young female water-bearers were being shunted away by more aggressive shepherds. He protected them and assisted them even at his own time of vulnerability. Ultimately, he turned to see a bush on fire that was not consumed. It was through this vision that he was tasked with a national mission.

These three acts of social justice each on the heels of another take up only a few verses in chapter two of Exodus but loom large in the making of a hero. In the collective, they remind us that redemption is not a condition. It is a choice."

So perhaps, in the story as told through the lens of the Hagaddah, we can be inspired in our faith, to remember the miracles that God performed for us and to also recognize that while the miracles aren't constant and suffering seems to be a part of the human condition, even then, God is with us. But sitting around our seder tables, we should also tell Moses' story in such a way that we can all find inspiration. That although Moses could have turned away from the fights, from the bush and from task, he didn't. Yes, he was reluctant, yes, he was scared and, yes, he doubted his own power and strength, but despite all of these concerns, he made a choice – to not only recognize the suffering of others but to do something about it. Countless others have made such choices. So can we! So must we!

Our tradition teaches us that the rabbis in B'nei Brak used to stay up all night at their seder, sharing the story, talking and envisioning. What if we could make the time and space at our sedarim to stay up late committed to re-envisioning our world and considering the suffering of others? What if we could find ways to lessen or eliminate their plagues? Maybe Elijah really would walk through our door, and then boy could we ever sing out, "Dayeinu!"

## CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Contributed by Ailene Sher

Ingredients:

- 6 jumbo eggs (separated)
- 12 oz. real chocolate chips (semi-sweet)
- 2 Tbsp. Brandy
- 2 Tbsp. Black coffee

1. Boil the chocolate chips in a double boiler.
2. Stir and when completely melted remove from stove.
3. Add 1 egg yolk at a time and fold in.
4. Mix in 2 Tbsp. of brandy and 2 Tbsp. of black coffee
5. Beat the egg whites in a mix master till stiff
6. Take a bit of the egg white mixture and fold into chocolate and yolk mixture
7. Then take chocolate and yolk mixture and fold it all into the egg white mixture.
8. Put in a bowl and refrigerate.

## CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE

Contributed by Adrienne Millman

Ingredients:

- 12 oz. choc. chips
- 1 Tbsp. sweet wine
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted margarine
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 tsp. salt

DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Melt chocolate chips and wine in double boiler or microwave
2. Add margarine and mix together.
3. Beat egg whites til stiff
4. Beat egg yolks til creamy
5. Add vanilla, salt and chocolate to oil mixture and mix.
6. Fold whites into chocolate
7. Pour into greased and sugared 9" springform or round pan.
8. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes.

### Project Reconnect's Kol Dichfin

Passover 2012 is approaching quickly, and it is once again time for "Kol Dichfin - **"Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat."** If you know anyone who does not have a seder to attend please visit <http://projectreconnect.org/outreach/program>

Project Reconnect, an initiative of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is proud to partner with NAASE (North American Association of Synagogue Executives), Women's League For Conservative Judaism and KOACH (USCJ's College Outreach Project) on Kol Dichfin 2012.

### SELLING OF CHAMETZ THROUGH BETH EL

The concept of *Miehirat Chametz* (the selling of *chametz*) is an ancient one that permits Jews to sell, in theory, the *chametz* that remains within their homes through the Passover holiday. The *chametz* is carefully stored away and secured and then is "sold" to a non-Jew to whom it is, of course, permitted during the holiday. After the holiday, the sale is undone by mutual consent.

To facilitate the process, members of the Congregation may come to the office and sign the form which authorizes Rabbi Schwartz to serve as their agent in this *Halakhic* transaction. In that way, their homes will be truly *Pesachdik*.

### ADULT EDUCATION

### CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING

### WAITING FOR NOVEMBER 6: A LOOK AT RECENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

3 SESSIONS WITH DR. MARK WHITMAN,  
HISTORIAN, HISTORY PROFESSOR & AUTHOR

Thursday, May 31 - 1968 ELECTION

Thursday, June 7 - 1980 ELECTION

Thursday, June 14 - 2000 ELECTION

As we move closer to an important election in America for President of the United States, it would seem useful to look back at some of the critical elections of recent times, particularly the ones which have set the stage for our present situation.

We start with the election of 1968, the contest between Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, which created much (though not all) of the Red State--Blue State division in American politics we see today. It was also an election played out against a background of violence, both abroad and at home.

We move on to the pivotal and disputed election of 2000, the outcome of which would be destined to take America in one of two very different directions. We will try to see who really won that election.

Finally, we will look at the election of 2008, self-evidently one of the most historic in our history, yet one in which the good feelings generated by that election were dissipated almost immediately.



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MADELEINE ALBRIGHT  
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 8:00 P.M.



In her new and most personal book, *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948*, Madeleine Albright looks at her family's experiences during this tumultuous time in history before, during and after World War II. In this conversation, hear Albright's story along with her interviews with contemporaries and newly available documents about the enormously complex events that took place. Madeleine Albright served as the 64th Secretary of State from 1997 to 2001. Her distinguished career also includes positions on Capitol Hill, the National Security Council and as US Ambassador to the United Nations. She is the author of

*Madam Secretary, Memo to the President Elect, The Mighty and the Almighty and Read My Pins.*

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APRIL CALENDAR

**Passover Break: Sunday, April 1 – Saturday, April 14**

Saturday, April 7	Tot Pesach, 11:15 a.m.
Saturday, April 14	Tot Shabbat, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, April 15	3 and 4 year Old Class Yom HaShoah Program Youth Program: Israel Celebration, email jillian@bethelbalto.com
Monday, April 16	Confirmation and Rabbi's Schmooze, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 20	M&Ms Plus Shabbat Dinner and Services, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 21	M&M's Plus with GAGA, 10:15 a.m. (Guest Stars: Bet and Gimel) Tot Shabbat, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, April 22	Parent Education, 9:30 a.m. Yom Ha'Atzmaut: Israel Celebration
Saturday, April 24	Tot Shabbat, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, April 25	3 and 4 year Old Class
Monday, April 22	Confirmation, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 28	Tot Shabbat, 11:15 a.m.

**Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day**

**Sunday, May 6  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Grandparents and Special Friends are invited to attend class with their grandchildren and/or "adopted" grandchildren. The students have been working on a very special program to show their guests what they have been learning throughout the year. Please call **Jill Eisen, 410-484-4534**, with any questions. We look forward to seeing you here.

**Meet Rosalyn W. Seiden,  
Beth El Summer Camp Director**



This year, The Beth El Summer Camp will be led by Rosalyn W. Seiden. "Rozzie" is a creative and professional educator who has years of "hands on" experience working with elementary school aged children. Not only was Rozzie the Director of Beth Tfiloh's Nursery Camp for nine years, but she also taught nursery school for twelve years. Additionally, Rozzie has taught first grade Hebrew School at Har Sinai Congregation and has been teaching for eleven years at Fort Garrison Elementary School in Pikesville. It is with this wealth of experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm that we look forward to a very successful summer camp!

**T'FILAH TEAM NEWS**

January was a busy month for the T'filah Team (TT). In addition to leading the preschool's Pajama Havdallah, they led prayers for an M&M PLUS Shabbat morning service and sang before Beth El's Religious School and parent body for Tu Bishvat.

When asked what they like about being on the T'filah Team, Zoe Davidson said, "The songs are fun and they help us learn new Hebrew words." Melanie Heller agreed, adding "I really enjoy going to services," and Carter Hollins noted, "I get to learn more ... [than he would if he weren't on the TT]." All three teamsters acknowledged how much they enjoy being part of the Team and particularly how it gave them additional opportunities to spend time with friends.

**MITZVAH MONSTERS = MITZVAH MAVENS**

Over just a few weeks, the Mitzvah Monsters (MM!) have grown to a mighty group of 14 students from our Gan, Machina and Alef classes. They now know the word "mitzvah" means "commandment" and that it refers to more than just doing good deeds (a common misconception). They've learned that mitzvot also involve special, inherently Jewish activities, things that make G-d proud, like observing Shabbat, sitting in a sukkah and eating matzah on Pesach.

Already, they have learned, performed and sung about no less than 4 mitzvot:

- 1- *Shabbat* (the Sabbath - they've attended M&M PLUS services)
- 2- *Bikkur Cholim* (visiting/cheering up the sick - they've made get well cards for a member of the Beth El family that has been ill)
- 3- *Tzadakah* (helping the needy - they're spearheading a Beth El Religious School food drive for the CARES Pantry and will be visiting CARES to learn more about what they do and to help stock the shelves)
- 4- *Hiddur Mitzvah* (taking the time/making the effort to enhance the observance of a mitzvah - they've decorated the donation box with creative illustrations of food)

Feedback from the MM! parents has been unequivocally positive. They've reported their children are having a blast and love coming to MM! which is particularly impressive since participation means getting to school on Sundays almost an hour early! Stay tuned for more MM! doings!

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☛ Part Time Infant/Toddler care options now available with quarterly contracts

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☛ Now enrolling for Two Year Old Classroom.

Contact **Dee Curtin**, Program Coordinator, for more information or to schedule a tour to see the Infant & Toddler wing at Beth El, **410-580-2723** or **dee@bethelbalto.com**.



# COMMUNITY & MEANING

By Jill D. Eisen

Jewish education is about community and meaning. It should be imaginative, interactive, exciting, meaningful, and spiritual for both adults and students. It is through real life experiences and intimate interactions during learning, praying, and volunteering that adults and students develop strong Jewish identities and powerful ties to Judaism, congregation, clergy, community, and Israel.

In his book, *Taking Hold of Torah*, Arnold M. Eisen, now Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, explains that by gaining emancipation from the ghettos and participating fully in American society and culture, Jewish communities paid the price. Along with our highly-valued modernity, enlightenment, social acceptance, and political liberties came the consequence that Jews could choose whether, as well as how, to be Jewish. Like Mr. Eisen, I believe that Jewish Americans are returning to Judaism because it offers precisely what they have lost, thanks to the freedoms and choices conferred by modernity: "integral community and meaning profound enough to live by." Therefore, it is our responsibility as Jewish educators to fashion a community that helps Jews live by Jewish values while they fully participate in American society.

I believe that Jewish education is a journey and we must capture the imagination of our students every time we are in their midst. It is the educator's role to be welcoming and engaging. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel says, "What we need more than anything else is not more text books but text people. It is the personality of the teacher that the pupils read; the text they will never forget." A teacher must embolden students in critical thinking in order to guide them into developing their own unique perspective of Judaism that will grow and alter as they experience life.

The Talmud says "A person only learns where his (her) heart is connected." Rabbi Bradley Artson suggested that "a cluster of ideas motivates a person's allegiance to a synagogue." Rabbi Mark Loeb z"l took this idea



Jill Eisen with her students.

a step further and taught me that people continually return to a community because they feel valued, important, and heard. Family educators, Ron Wolfson and Joel Lurie Grishaver agreed and explained that the first step in Jewish education is to be open and welcoming and the second is to create a safe environment where learning can proceed and flourish. Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Rabbi Dana Saroken have shown me how to place meaning and community into every action and every word spoken. Community and meaning are the essence of Jewish education.

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## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING TO JOIN A SYNAGOGUE?



Whether he/she is new to town or a native Baltimorean, and whether they are a family, a couple or single, Beth El has something to offer each and every one.

Please invite them to events they might find of interest, and please contact the Outreach Office at **410-484-0411** so we can invite them to Beth El.

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If these times are not convenient for you, contact **Marlene Siegel** at **410-484-1844** to make an appointment.

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### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Marcia Friedlander by Dale and Ray Kahn.

## THE SADIE & SYLVAN NUSBAUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### IN HONOR OF:

The Bat Mitzvah of Merav Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz, by Tacey and Lawrence Himelfarb.

## THE PRAYER BOOK FUND

### IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

Seymour Fensterwald by Gene and Leonard Klein.  
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### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mrs. Josephine Becker by Dr. Joseph and Linda Napora.

## THE RABBI STEVEN SCHWARTZ TRIBUTE FUND

### IN MEMORY OF:

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Gertrude Hankin by Margie and Ron Rubin.  
Irving Keller by Ms. Harriet Miller.

### IN HONOR OF:

The arrival of baby granddaughter Elliott Jolie to Ann and Dr. Ed Mishner by Hedy From and Michael Rubenstein.  
The Bat Mitzvah of Merav Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz, by Susan and Spencer Allen, The Book Family, Eunice and Sidney Friedman, Hedy From and Michael Rubenstein, Emily, Howard, Jason and Brian Goren, Mrs. Alice Levin, Carol and Joel Matz, Robin and Karl Mindel, Ann and Dr. Ed Mishner, Dr. Joanne and Mr. Marshall Rief, Shirley and Morty Rodbell, Bunny and Mike Roseman, Judy and Lee Rosenberg, Mrs. Jodean Rubin, Margie and Ron Rubin, Suzanne and Lyndell Schwartz, Penny and Michael Schwarz, Mrs. Mary Shofer, Gloryann and Lee Snyder, Mrs. Irene Snyder, Beverly and Dr. Ian Sunshine.

### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mrs. Ailene Sher by Dr. Joseph and Linda Napora.

### IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

The son of Irma and Charles Margolis.  
Mary A. Seff by Linda and Stanley Nachamison.

### IN GRATITUDE FOR:

Rabbi Steve Schwartz and Rabbi Dana Saroken saying "Misheberach" for their daughter-in-law by Ruby and Aaron Eisenbach.

## THE RICKY SIEGEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mrs. Ailene Sher by Mrs. Marilyn Siegel.

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### IN MEMORY OF:

Marc Rash by Drs. Arlene and Sheldon Bearman and Mark Bearman.  
Sylvia Feinglass Weinstein by Drs. Arlene and Sheldon Bearman.

### IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

Harry I. Kaplan by Mrs. Rona K. Schultz.

## THE MELVIN AND ANITA STEINBERG COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM FUND

### IN MEMORY OF:

Jay Cohen by Anita and Mickey Steinberg.  
Rheda Goldman by Anita and Mickey Steinberg.

### IN HONOR OF:

The Bat Mitzvah of Merav, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz, by Ms. Marilyn Holzman.

### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Marcia Friedlander by Anita and Mickey Steinberg.

## THE DAVID H. & ETTA WOOLF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mrs. Annafaye Joffe by Molly and Buddy Levin and Family.

## THE YAHRZEIT FUND

### IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

Loved Ones by Dr. Morton D. Kramer.  
Selma Asher by Carol and Marshall Asher.  
Oscar Becker by Mrs. Josephine Becker.  
Esther Bloomberg by Jaclyn and Irwin Cohen.  
Fannie Bond by Shirley and Stanley Bond.  
Harry C. Cohen by Mrs. Estelle G. Cohen.  
Jean Cohen by Mr. Irwin Cohen.  
Mack Dunie by Carol and Marshall Asher.  
Max L. Epstein by Mrs. Thelma Weiner.  
Sylvia Epstein by Mrs. Thelma Weiner.  
Irving From by Hedy From and Michael Rubenstein.  
Alice Garmen by Shirley and Stanley Bond.  
Louis Garmen by Shirley and Stanley Bond.  
Sylvia Harad by Merle and Dr. Frank Setren.  
Norman Himelfarb by Irene and Saul Himelfarb.  
Gladys Hurwitz by Barbara and Marvin Hurwitz.  
Alexander Kimmelman by Mr. David Kimmelman.  
Joyce Kimmelman by Mr. David Kimmelman.  
Ada Kling by Suzanne and Lyn Schwartz.  
Elinor B. Levin by Shirley and Stanley Bond.  
Charlotte Markowitz by Marcia and Jack Markowitz.  
Israel Mendelsohn by Mrs. Barbara Mendelsohn.  
Gert Scheffler by Dr. Neil Scheffler.  
Jack Scheffler by Dr. Neil Scheffler.  
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Wayne Sperr by The Gregory Sperr Family.  
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## THE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

### IN MEMORY OF:

Jay Cohen by Molly and Milton Bereson, Sara Berger.  
Phillip Cohen by JoAnn, David and Rachel Klein.

Rheda Goldman by Phyllis and Fred London.  
Mike Grossfeld by Mrs. Judy Frankle and Family.  
Lawrence Kotzker by Denise Friedman Franz.  
Burton Richman by Audrey, Greg, Alex and Liam Sperr.  
Alvin Richmond by Randee and Harry Baumohl.  
Joseph Wiesenfeld by Robin and John Denick.

### IN HONOR OF:

The arrival of baby granddaughter Elliott Jolie to Ann and Dr. Ed Mishner by Faye and Marc Sherman.  
The Bat Mitzvah of Merav, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz, by Melissa and Jeff Berman.

### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Ailene Sher by Phyllis and Fred London.

### IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

Harry Levine by Marsha and Mark Levine.

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### IN MEMORY OF:

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Jay Cohen by Michelle and Barton Azwalinsky, Mrs. Miriam Black, Janet and Howard Blum and Family, Mrs. Wilma Blumenfeld, Eileen and Harry Brafmann, John Abosch, Joel Charkatz and Katz-Abosch, Bernard Citrenbaum, Nancy and Dr. Marc Gertner, Alexa S. and James R. Giles, Fran and Geoffrey Kroll, Sydelle and Bob Landau, Ms. Doris M. Randall, to The Morning Minyan Fund.  
Jay Cohen by Rosemarie and Dr. Myles Brager to The Adult Choir Fund.

Jay Cohen by Gail and Michael Brooks, Beeny and Roy Finkelstein, Eunice and Sidney Friedman, Donna and Mayer Handelman, Jen, Jon, Jared and Ali Krieger, Albert Saval to The Prayer Book Fund.  
Jay Cohen by Joyce and Dr. Mark Fraiman to The Al Zlotowitz Chapel Maintenance Fund.

Jay Cohen by Mitzi and Lew Penn to The Dr. Jerome Koepfel Memorial Scholarship Fund.  
Phil Cohen by Nancy and Dr. Marc Gertner to The Youth Education Fund.

Phil Cohen by The Breast Center at St. Joseph Medical Center, Roz and Howard Kurman to The Prayer Book Fund.  
Rheda Goldman by Denise and Keith Franz to The Youth Education Fund.

Rheda Goldman by Sandy Morrell Gordon, Mrs. Lenora Talles, Susie and Steve Weintraub, Froma and Jules Willen to The Prayer Book Fund.  
Mike Grossfeld by Laurie and Steve Kirsch, Adrienne and Sidney Millman to The Prayer Book Fund.

Gertrude Hankin by Sandy Morrell Gordon, Beverly and Sam Penn, Beth and Larry Pozanek to The Prayer Book Fund.  
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Irving Keller by Sonia and Ed Obstler to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.  
Irving Keller by Alice and Dr. Mayer Schwartz to The Youth Education Fund.

Dr. Stephen Kleiman by Ina and Dr. Bill Leboe to The Nathan and Pauline Mash Pre-School Fund.  
Abbey Kovens by Janet and Arnold Mazor, Elaine and Yale Spector to The Youth Education Fund.

Esther Weiner Leviton by Mindelle and Homer Berlin to The Hark Family Fund.  
Esther Weiner Leviton by Ms. H. Sandra Luray, and Susie, Steve and Jason Weintraub to The Prayer Book Fund.

Sylvan Offit by Dale and Ray Kahn and Family to The Prayer Book Fund.  
Sylvan Offit by Marti, Dr. Art Kovens and Stacie, Jamie and Matthew Kovens to The Youth Education Fund.

Sylvan Offit by Mrs. Sylvia Lisansky to The Michael and Rhea Offit Scholarship Fund.  
Burton Richman by The Shamam Family to The Adult Choir Fund.

Alvin Richmond by Nan, Isaac and Rubin Waranch to The Prayer Book Fund.  
Sylvia Feinglass Weinstein by Michele and Dr. Joel S.

Epstein, Stephany and Dr. Alan Steinberg to The Dr. Michael I. Feinglass Memorial Scholarship Fund.  
Bruce Winston by Elaine and Yale Spector to The Youth Education Fund.

### IN HONOR OF:

The Aliya given for his 90th birthday to Uli Cohn to The Mitzvah Fund.

The 40th wedding anniversary of Joyce and Arnold Fruman by Gail and Dr. Illan Silberman to The Fruman Family Garden Beautification Endowment Fund.

The 40th wedding anniversary of Lisa and Hon. Charles Shubow by Barbara and Michael Steinhardt to The Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

The 30th wedding anniversary of Amy and Howard Mazer to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

The appointment of Judge Stuart R. Berger to The Special Appeals Court by Mrs. Barbara Lichtenberg and Family to The Prayer Book Fund.

The arrival of their son Benjamin to Jill and Scott Eisen, by Dr. Faith Esterson and Dr. Jeffrey Wallace and offices to The Youth Education Fund.

Gregory Charlow on his Bar Mitzvah by Phyllis and Stuart Cutler to The Youth Education Fund.

The joyous occasion of Noah Michael Hammerman's Bar Mitzvah by Ethel and Bill Braverman, Phyllis and Stuart Cutler to The Cantor Saul & Aileen Hammerman Music Fund.

The Bat Mitzvah of Merav Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz by Pauline and Al Auslander to The Mitzvah Fund.

The Bat Mitzvah of Merav Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz by Mrs. Hilda Dopkin to The Louis & Esther Dopkin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Bat Mitzvah of Merav Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz by Sonya and Jerry Goodman to The Sonya and Jerome Goodman Adult Hebrew Reading Fund.

The Bat Mitzvah of Merav Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz by Jane Krosin and Ray Katzen and Families, Dr. Joseph and Linda Napora, Harriett and Harvey Nusbaum to The Prayer Book Fund.

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The Bat Mitzvah of Merav Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Steven Schwartz by Tova Shobin to The Cantor Saul & Aileen Hammerman Music Fund.

The special 90th birthday of Ulrich Cohn by Barbara and Michael Steinhardt to The Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

The 85th birthday of Louis Wachter by Mrs. Miriam Smelkinson and Family to The Prayer Book Fund.

The special birthday of Mr. Gene Seidel by Jen, Jon, Jared and Ali Krieger to The Prayer Book Fund.

The new home of Mrs. Rita Rosenfeld by Mrs. Ann Kurlander to The Youth Education Fund.

### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Marcia Friedlander by Denise and Keith Franz to The Youth Education Fund.

Alan Gersh (for continued recovery) by Rose and Joe Litofsky to The Harry Lichter Chesed Fund.

Annafaye Joffe by Adrienne and Stuart Joffe to The David H. & Etta Woolf Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Ron Maytin by Barbara and Paul Natkowitz to The Youth Education Fund.

Mrs. Sandy (Tobey) Schreiber by Mrs. Henrietta Pasarew to The Youth Education Fund.

Ailene Sher by Pauline and Al Auslander to The Mitzvah Fund.

Ailene Sher by Harriet and Jimmy Berg, Nancy and Dr. Marc Gertner to The H. Allan Lipsitz Endowed Adult Education Fund.

Ailene Sher by Rosemarie and Dr. Myles Brager to The Adult Choir Fund.

Ailene Sher by Barbara and Paul Cooper to The Youth Education Fund.

Ailene Sher by Barbara and Michael Steinhardt to The Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

Eddie Sigelman by Ms. Ellen Blake to The Eyal Bor Educational Assistance Fund.

### IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

Loved Ones by Ms. Carolyn Hine to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Loved Ones by Phyllis and Paul Lichtenstein to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Loved Ones by Paul Weil to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Loved Ones by Mrs. Hulane Zolet to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Sylvan Askin by Sanford Askin to The Joseph Lipavsky Scholarship Fund.

Harry Bradus by Mr. Robert Bradus to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Kenneth Chodak by Mrs. Carole Gould to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Charles Christmann by Rachel and Nick Didio to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Ida Cohen by Naomi Baron and Family to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Linda Wolfe Cohen by Rona and Dennis Weiner to The Dennis & Rona Weiner Social Welfare Fund.

Syd Cutler by Phyllis and Stuart Cutler to The Prayer Book Fund.

Harry Dackman by Susan and Elliot Dackman to The Leonard & Frana Friedman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Morris Datkyn by Mrs. Estelle Hyman to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Shirley Fingerhood by The Fingerhood Family to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Samuel Finkelstein by Dr. Patti and Mr. Ira Friedman to

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## Spring Cleaning Is Just Around the Corner!

### Do it the natural way.

• First and foremost make sure to clear the clutter! Harsh fumes from some traditional cleaners may do more harm than good: They can be responsible for around 10% of toxic exposures reported to poison control centers and are difficult to dispose of properly.

• You can most likely find "green" or "natural" cleaning products at your grocery store. But you can save some money and make your own cleaning product from supplies you already have.

**For spray cleaner:** Combine and store in a spray bottle 2 cups water, 1/4 cup white vinegar; 1/4 tsp. tea tree oil; 1/4 tsp. lavender oil

**For deodorizing cleaning:** Mix one part vinegar and one part water in a spray bottle to clean countertops, floors, stovetops and other appliances. Scrub dishes, surfaces and stains with a lemon that has been cut in half and sprinkled with baking soda on the flat side.

GO GREEN!



**Contributions and Endowments —  
Continued from page 11**

The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.  
Katherine Davis Fruman by Gail and Dr. Ilan Silberman to The Fruman Family Garden Beautification Endowment Fund.  
Samuel Gorn by Mrs. Margaret Gorn to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Dora Hack by Mr. Joel Hack to The Joseph Lipavsky Scholarship Fund.  
Harry Hack by Mr. Joel Hack to The Joseph Lipavsky Scholarship Fund.  
Frieda Horowitz by Suzanne and Hank Horowitz to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Gitta Jekel by Prof. Solomon Jekel to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Daisy Kabik by Estelle and Robert Kabik to The Eyal Bor Education Assistance Fund.  
Stanley Kurtz by Mrs. Marlene Feldman to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Sally Lessans by Terry and Gerald Zimlin to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Rose Levitan by Nancy and Ira Oring to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Seena Lubcher by Sandy and Chuck Lurie to The Herman Lubcher Scholarship Fund.  
Esther Merin by Dr. Arnold B. Merin to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Maurice Merin by Dr. Arnold B. Merin to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Harry Millman by Gail and Dr. Ilan Silberman to The Fruman Family Garden Beautification Endowment Fund.  
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Anna Oring by Nancy and Ira Oring to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Sylvan Prager by Leslie and Marc Lichtenberg to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Dora Rabinowitz by David Uhfelder to The Hark Family Fund.  
Joseph Rabinowitz by David Uhfelder to The Hark Family Fund.  
Anna Roseman by Bunny and Mike Roseman to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Esther Rosen by Ellen and Robert Rosen & Family to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Sidney Rosen by Ellen and Robert Rosen & Family to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Irene Rudman by Eileen and Donald Himelfarb to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Harry Scherr by Stanley Scherr to The Prayer Book Fund.  
Arnold Siegel by Mrs. Goldie Siegel and Family to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
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Tillie Seaman by Ms. Carolyn Hine to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Herbert Shapiro by Mrs. Marilyn Shapiro to The Berman-Lipavsky School Scholarship Fund.  
Harold Silberg by Laura, Glenn, Adam and Kayla Miller to The Melvin & Anita Steinberg College Outreach Program Fund.  
Charles Silver by Ms. Delma Silver to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Dr. Julius Waghelstein by Mrs. Betty Waghelstein to The Yahrzeit Fund.  
Annie S. Zlotowitz by Mr. Michael I. Volk to The Al Zlotowitz Chapel Maintenance Fund.

**IN APPRECIATION FOR:**

The assistance of Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken and Cantor King and The Educational Staff of Beth El Congregation for their assistance in the preparation of David Silverman's Bar Mitzvah by The Caplan Family to The Joseph Lipavsky Scholarship Fund.



Contact Ailene at 410-580-5159 or [ailene@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ailene@bethelbalto.com) to request a Letter of Intent. All we need to know is that you have made provision for Beth El in your Estate Planning. Not only will you be ensuring the future of our congregation, but you will be helping to ensure Judaism for generations to come.

Cantor Thom King presiding at the funeral of Marilyn Katzen by The Family of Marilyn Katzen- Lynne and Henry J. Muller, to The Beth El Adult Choir Fund.

The participation of Rabbi Steven Schwartz at the Investiture of Judge Stuart R. Berger to The Court of Special Appeals by Bernice Berger, Judge Stuart Berger, Mindy and Michael Daniels and Tara, Reid and Seth to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

**HONORS AND MEMORIALS**

With gratitude for the honor given to STANFORD J. SCHNEIDER of blowing shofar for over 30 years, By his wife Sylvia and children Ellen and Kent Ellis - An Artwork Plaque - The Shofar Blower by Toso.

**IN HONOR OF:**

The 35th wedding anniversary of Phyllis and Richard Kline - January 10, 2011 and the 60th Birthday of Phyllis Kline - January 22, 2011 - Dedication of Leaves on The Tree of Life.

**FALL 2012 CULTURAL TRIPS**

Read new registration procedure, save the dates and mark your calendar.



**BALTIMORE, MD**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
(9:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**

Come celebrate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 at Fort McHenry. Our morning begins at the Visitor Center. There we will see the special exhibits and view the movie commemorating this special occasion. We will then have a docent led tour of the renovated star shaped fort.

Leaving Fort McHenry, we will travel to Little Italy where we will have lunch. After lunch, our group will take a short walk to the Flag House where the flag, that flew over Fort McHenry during the war, was made by Mary Pickersgill and her helpers. We will have a docent led tour of the house and an opportunity to visit the adjoining museum.



**NEW YORK CITY**

**Thursday, October 4, 2012  
(6:30 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.)**

Our group will be accompanied by one of our rabbis on this very special trip. In the morning, we will visit the Jewish Theological Seminary, where Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Saroken studied. Following our tour, we will have lunch in the JTS Sukkah. This a real treat and one that is very much in demand. After the seminary, our group will travel a short distance to the outstanding Neue Gallerie on Museum Row. The museum opened on November 16, 2001 and showcases Austrian and German fine art and decorative art from the early 20th century. Works by Klimt, Kokoschka, Schiele, Wassely, Kandinsky and Kichner are a few of the artists found in the museum's collection. On the way home we will stop at Masortis for dinner on your own.

**Cost of both trips is \$160 for members.**

**Cultural Trips Registration Procedure**

The Cultural Trips have become so popular that the demand exceeds availability. To be fair to everyone, a new registration plan is being tested for the spring. Hopefully, this format will allow for an easier sign-up and enable everyone an equal opportunity to participate.

**1. Registration for members of the Congregation and Sisterhood will open on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.** You can only register for BOTH TRIPS at this time. You may register for yourself and one congregational or sisterhood member. If lunch is included with a trip, you will also complete a lunch selection form.

**2. Registration forms will be available on the Beth El website (bethelbalto.com) and at the receptionist window at Beth El beginning April 26, 2012.** A form needs to be completed by each person registering. Ex. Two people two forms.

**3. Your registration form(s) and your check(s) made out to Beth El Sisterhood MUST BE MAILED to Mrs. Marlene Siegel, 2 High Stepper Court #203, Baltimore, MD 21208-6436.** Only registrations mailed to this address will be accepted and in the order they are received. Letter must have a US postmark.

**4. Registration for INDIVIDUAL TRIPS will open for members of the Congregation and Sisterhood on May 17, 2012 and for guests June 1, 2012.** Be sure to fill out the form for your particular trip. If lunch is included for that trip, you will also fill out the lunch selection form. **Forms will be available on the Beth El website (bethelbalto.com) and at the receptionist window on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.**

**5. If your registration arrives after the trip is full, you will be notified.** There will be a wait list for those who would like to be placed on it.

**PLAN  
AHEAD!**

**SPRING TRIPS 2013**

**April: Lancaster, PA**

**May: Philadelphia, PA**

**The New Barnes and the newly renovated Rodin Museum and Gardens**



**BIBLIO**

On **Wednesday, April 18**, at 12 noon, Jane Krosin will present Alice Hoffman's novel *The Dovekeepers*. As an experienced reviewer, Jane will give us insights into the historic episode of Masada as related by those who lived to tell the epic story.

Biblio meets each month at noon in the Kolker Room. All congregants and their friends are invited to attend our monthly reviews and discussions. Remember to bring a dairy brown bag lunch. Dessert and a beverage will be provided by our hostess this month, Jane Krosin.

For additional information, please phone: **Barbara Berkowitz, 410-296-8424** or **Rita Silverman, 410-484-1731**

**SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP  
LASTEST HAPPENINGS**

**Spring Forward**

We are pleased to have the following ladies join Sisterhood as new members: **Brenda Cohen, Linda Mandel and Phyllis Posner.**

It is not too late to join Sisterhood! We have a variety of excellent programs for members as well as their guests to participate in. We have a General Luncheon Meeting on the first Monday of every month that features great guest speakers and programs! On the second Wednesday of every month members look forward to our Biblio Group which includes book reviews, lively discussions, and terrific guest speakers. We are thrilled to have both Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Saroken participate in a petite luncheon and share their view of selected novels over the course of the year. There are also several cultural trips offered each year. On Sunday, May 6 and Monday, May 7 is the annual Unique Boutique which includes vendors, crafts, and food! The Sisterhood as well as Beth El encourages your participation and involvement in Beth El activities!

We also welcome our Newest Courtesy Members: **Patricia Goldberg** and **Aliza Gottesman.**

For more information please call **Susan Hackerman**, Past President and Member Liaison at **410-486-2523.**

**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY-  
TORAH FUND**

We are very excited to announce that we now have 30 benefactors. The benefactors have received their beautiful pins and enjoy wearing them. Cards are in stock and ready for purchase for your special occasions. For \$18.00 you will receive 6 cards, individually they cost \$4.00. All donations are greatly appreciated as they help to support the education of our future clergy.



Please contact **Jane Krosin at 410-484-4218** or **Hilda Dopkin at 410-486-4453** for cards and for more information on becoming a Torah Fund Benefactor.

**SISTERHOOD MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 at 11:30 a.m.  
IN THE OFFIT AUDITORIUM**

On Wednesday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m. Sisterhood's closing program will feature Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education and Clarinetist; along with Bruce Casteel, Guitarist, and Michael Singer, Bassist. The musical group will present an informal program featuring Israeli, jazz and classical selections.

Installation of Officers will be held at the Meeting.

Reservations must be made by April 30. Email or phone: **Linda Mondell at LHmondell@gmail.com or 410-486-1542** or **Judy Schwartz at jmaysch@comcast.net or 410-653-9253.**

Walk-ins are \$17.00.

**JOINT SISTERHOOD JUMPS INTO SPRING**

Please join us for our annual  
**JOINT SISTERHOOD DINNER**

**Monday, April 23**

Registration: 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$25.00

Hosted by

CHIZUK AMUNO SISTERHOOD

8100 Stevenson Road, Baltimore, MD 21208

Speaker: **Susan Reimer**

**THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S  
ORGANIZATIONS OF MARYLAND**

**96th Annual Convention**

**Thursday, May 3**

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

10:00 am-2:30 pm

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

Speaker: **Deborah Adler**, Greater Washington Director for AIPAC

Topic: **"Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue"**

Each member organization selects an honoree. Sisterhood is delighted to name a most deserving representative as our Tzedek Award honoree, **MARLENE SIEGEL.**

Cost \$36.00 for the cost of the convention. Dietary laws will be observed. Please make check payable to Beth El Sisterhood and leave it in the sisterhood mailbox by Monday, April 16, in an envelope addressed to Harriett Weiner. That way, our payment and list of attendees will be sent in together, so that we can sit together.

For additional information, call **Harriet Weiner 410-653-3171.**

**Monday, April 23, 2012  
JOINT SISTERHOOD DINNER**

I will attend the Joint Sisterhood Dinner

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If possible I would like to sit with (Limited to 2 people)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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 send a check made payable to Beth El Sisterhood by April 10 c/o Bunny Roseman.

**Wednesday, May 9 Sisterhood Meeting  
Offit Auditorium at 11:30 a.m.  
General Meeting/Luncheon**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this coupon along with a check for \$15.00 by Monday, April 30:**

Beth El Sisterhood  
c/o Linda Mondell or Judy Schwartz  
8101 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21208



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

**Getting ready for Passover?** The First Seder is **Friday, April 6**, so check your supplies and guest list to determine what's needed for Passover 2012. Visit the Judaica Gift Shop for fabulous new items!

Come browse our beautiful selection of seder plates, matzah holders and covers, afi komen bags, Elijah and Miriam cups, serving pieces, gift items, and children's seder activities. Remember to shop early for the best selection!

**Here is a sampling of ideas for the Seder Table!**

1. Israeli artist, Lily Shohat, Glass Seder Plate and Matzah Plate
2. Saltwater and Horseradish Bowls, HOLIDAY SPECIAL! Porcelain Cobalt Blue and Gold Matzah Plate... Regular Price \$62, Special Price \$48, and Miriam's Cups
3. Matzah Kippah, Pyramid 10 Plagues Puzzle, Bag of Plagues, Ceramic Matzah Plate, Plush Passover Set



**Shop Hours:**  
 Sunday 9:30 am - 12 noon  
 Monday 11 am - 3 pm  
 Tuesday 11 am - 6 pm  
 Wednesday 11 am - 3 pm  
 Thursday 11 am - 3 pm  
 Friday 11 am - 1 pm  
 Other hours by appointment. Call **Barbara Green** at **410-486-4080**.



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Unique Boutique is right around the corner. **Sunday, May 6 and Monday, May 7** will be here before you know it and we will have a wonderful array of vendors, both new and familiar faces for you to explore. Plan to buy gifts for Mother's Day, graduations, anniversaries, and your personal shopping at this exciting Spring event.

We look forward to welcoming back Jerusalem Products, Israeli jewelry; Swirl, unique serving pieces for entertainment; Iris Essentials, clothes and accessories for the well-dressed; Princess and the Pea, adorable children's clothing; Kids's Stop, our favorite toy store; and The Jewelry Lady. Among new vendors plans include a cosmetician, personalized painted accessories, an upscale women's designer clothing boutique, imported French linens, hand-made fine writing implements, flowers for your spring plantings, photography, and unique crafts. Lunch will also be offered at the Unique Cafe where we will have delicious offerings for you and your children.

**Proceeds from this event support the outstanding school programs and programs that Beth El continues to offer the congregation.**

## JCC's GLASS SLIPPER BOUTIQUE

**B**eth El Congregation is proud to announce its participation in The JCC's Glass Slipper Boutique. The Glass Slipper Boutique provides free, new and nearly-new prom dresses to Baltimore County high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them. The very existence of the Glass Slipper Boutique depends upon gifts from the heart. Please open your hearts and your closets and help us make the dreams of many young women come true!

- We kindly request that you please follow our "Donation Guidelines"
- Dresses should be fewer than 5 years old
  - Dresses should be in EXCELLENT condition and on hangers
  - Dresses should be cleaned prior to sending
  - Dresses may be short or long

The Dress Collection will be held in various locations around Baltimore Country from **Sunday, March 25th - Thursday, April 5th**. Please feel free to drop off your dress at Beth El during that time. Dresses will also be collected in the lobby of the Owings Mills JCC.

*The JCC, Synchronicity Boutique and A Style Studio are sponsoring this event.*



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