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## Make a Difference

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Please. It is a small word, but a significant one. One of the first words we teach our children, reminding them to use it again and again until it becomes second nature. In Hebrew the word is b'vakasha, a word many of us are familiar with from our Hebrew school days, when a teacher might remind the class to be quiet by saying "sheket b'vakasha — QUIET! — please. The word is constructed from the root that means to ask or seek for something. Its use is not only polite, not only proper etiquette, but also a reminder to be grateful for all of the gifts that we ask for when they come to us.

We want you to know that we are grateful — truly and deeply grateful — for your participation in the Annual Appeal each year. We should all be proud of the number of families in the congregation that participate — this past year, over 1,000 of our families gave to the Annual Appeal. As a percentage of the congregation this is virtually unprecedented in synagogue giving around the country. This speaks of the sense of community that people find at Beth El, and of how they care about their shul, its needs, and each other.

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This year our needs are greater than ever. Fewer members are able to pay full dues. More of our families need help with tuition assistance so their children can come to the Berman Lipavsky Religious School to receive a quality Jewish education. It is a policy that we will never turn someone away from our doors because of financial reasons. The Annual Appeal ensures that people will have a place to educate their children, to celebrate the sacred days of our people, and to join in community during times of need and also

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## THE WATERS THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

By Rabbi Dana Saroken

If you peek behind the curtains, you will see our beautiful, newly renovated mikveh. Immersing in a mikveh is a tradition that dates back thousands of years. Historically, the mikveh was used to help people purify themselves emotionally, spiritually and physically. In recent years, our Beth El mikveh has been used by brides and grooms before their wedding day, for conversions and on special occasions. We have recently renovated our mikveh in order to broaden its use and appeal — to make our ancient traditions new again. Come use the healing waters of the mikveh as a vehicle to help you find wholeness, peace, to mark important milestones and transitional moments in your life and to provide you with the opportunity to begin anew.

A quarter of a century ago Rabbi Mark Loeb, of blessed memory, had the vision of a mikveh at Beth El that would be a resource for the entire community. With the support of synagogue leadership and the generosity of Susan and Elliot Weinstein and Joan and Dr. Michael Schultz the congregation established the Schultz Ritual Bath housed in the Susan and Elliot Weinstein Mikveh. We are forever grateful to Rabbi

Loeb and to the Weinstains and the Schultzs for creating this sacred space and mikveh. This past March, an incredible group of women came together as a mikveh task force and together, we envisioned what our mikveh had the potential to be in today's world. With Dale Kahn's incredible design skills and a team of dedicated volunteers, staff and lay leaders, we began our renovation and I can proudly say that we have created something extraordinary: A beautiful and peaceful space that is there for us to use in the times when we feel most grateful, at the times when we feel most vulnerable or broken or at any moment in between. In our busy world, our mikveh is a place where you can come to pause and reflect, express appreciation for our blessings in life or express your innermost yearnings and needs, to find clarity on what you need in order to endure whatever the future may bring.

If you are celebrating a milestone birthday — whether it's your 21st or 80th, consider coming with your loved ones to our mikveh for a special intimate ceremony and a private immersion. If



Immersing in our mikveh can be a magical place and way to begin anew. It can be used to mark these important moments and experiences.

you are about to be married or enduring a difficult break up or divorce, we have a special prayer for you as you begin a new stretch of life or you can bring your own prayer and use the waters to help you transition to a new part of your journey. If you have a child becoming a bar or bat mitzvah, we have a meaningful ceremony that will enable family and close friends to share their love and pride before the big day. And if you are struggling to conceive or about to give birth come use the waters as a space to ask God for what you need and to express your hopes and dreams and yearnings. Immersing in our mikveh can be a transformative experience and a way to begin anew. Special customized prayers and blessings are available for every life moment imaginable.

As the high holidays quickly approach, our mikveh will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for children, teenagers, men and women of all ages between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. As our tradition encourages us to re-create ourselves, to let go of the old self and to re-create

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**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

Mrs. Estelle Balachow on the loss of her beloved sister, Bessie Levenson.  
 Mrs. Esther Berelowitz on the loss of her beloved brother, Ellis Fader.  
 Ms. Mona Berman on the loss of her beloved sister, Joyce Kutner.  
 Mr. Mark Chodak on the loss of his beloved father, Morris Chodak.  
 Mrs. Lore Cohn on the loss of her beloved husband, Ulrich Cohn.  
 Mrs. Diane Cole and Mr. Scott Cherry on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Richard Cole.  
 Mrs. Denise Franz and Mrs. Marcia Katz on the loss of their beloved mother, Blossom K. Friedman  
 Mr. Stanley Holzman on the loss of his beloved mother, Ruth Lazernick Zemel.  
 Mr. Steven Katz on the loss of his beloved mother, Mildred Katz.  
 Mrs. Ann Robinson and Mr. Richard Caplan on the loss of their beloved mother,  
 Norma Caplan.  
 Mr. Herman Rosenthal on the loss of his beloved father, Louis Rosenthal.  
 Mr. A. Ronald Rubin on the loss of his beloved brother, Richard Rubin.  
 Mr. Albert "Al" Shapiro on the loss of his beloved wife, Florence "Flos" Shapiro.  
 Ms. Lois Steinberg on the loss of her beloved mother, Lee Conway.  
 Dr. Bert Vogelstein on the loss of his beloved brother, Dr. Barry Norman Vogelstein.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Al Auslander  
 Dick Gordon

**OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:**

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Azwalinsky on the engagement of their daughter, Allyson Luckman to Scott Siegel.  
 Ms. Brittany Barr on her marriage to Nathan Lehnhoff; her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kleiner on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Elle Rabine.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Kuntz on the birth of their granddaughter, Marion Rebecca McDonald; great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kuntz.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Kuryk on the engagement of their son Benjamin, to Rachel Goldstein.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Kuryk on the birth of their granddaughter, Abbey Leanne Kuryk.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Levine on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Gabriel Cooperstein; great-grandmother is Mrs. Betty Zlotowitz.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Miller on the birth of their granddaughter, Hayley Sloan Miller.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosen on the engagement of their son Adam to Elizabeth Newman; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rosen.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Samet on the birth of their grandson, Spenser Joshua Samet.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Marc Sherman on the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Benjamin Weltman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben Silverman on the marriage of their son, David Silverman to Jennifer Wilson; grandparents are Rita Silverman and the late Larry Silverman and Shirley and Morty Rodbell.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snyder on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Brett Andrew Snyder; grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Larry A. Snyder.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Weiner on the birth of their granddaughter, Madelyn Jane Lack.

**MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:**

Wendy & David Berman on their 10th  
 Kerri & Robert Cohen on their 10th  
 Wanda & Jeffrey Fink on their 10th  
 Hedy From & Michael Rubenstein on their 10th  
 Tracee & Kevin Fruman on their 10th  
 Shari & Alan Grabush on their 10th  
 Stacie & Scott Koppel on their 10th  
 Jocelyn & Elliot Steelman on their 10th  
 Ann & Jeffrey Pritzker on their 15th  
 Amy & Benjamin Cohen on their 20th  
 Suzanne & William Keeney on their 20th  
 Ilisa & Albert Nigrin on their 20th  
 Eileen & Harry Brafman on their 25th  
 Ilene & Kenneth Schwartz on their 25th  
 Barbara & Seymour Bernstein on their 30th  
 Amy & Gary Cohen on their 30th  
 Suanne & Daniel Goldberger on their 30th  
 Nancy & Marc Medin on their 30th  
 Susan and Hal Hackerman on their 35th  
 Wendie & Keith Berenson on their 40th  
 Sherry & Steven Berlin on their 40th  
 Mindy & Ronald Fishkind on their 40th  
 Jill & Ronald Greenwald on their 40th  
 Marsha & Alan Kaplan on their 40th  
 Roslyn & Howard Kurman on their 40th  
 Abby & Stephen Lazinsky on their 40th  
 Merle & Frank Setren on their 40th  
 Marci & Paul Turer on their 40th  
 Susan & Alan Ziman on their 40th  
 Michele & Herb Better on their 45th  
 Janet & Robert David on their 45th  
 Michele & Joel Epstein in their 45th  
 Tamar & Myron Kellner on their 45th  
 Honey & Jeffrey Litman on their 45th  
 Alice & Michael Mann on their 45th  
 Susan & Gary Talles on their 45th  
 Joyce & Lee Barnstein on their 50th  
 Harriet & Harold Cooper on their 50th  
 Shelia & Paul Derman on their 50th  
 Faye & Daniel Friedman on their 50th  
 Ruth & Barry Hurwitz on their 50th  
 Cecelia & Michael Mahr on their 50th  
 Diane & Michael Schwarz on their 50th  
 Ellen & Allen Spak on their 50th  
 Marsha & Melvin Wachs on their 50th  
 Phyllis & Harry Blum, II on their 55th  
 Estalee & Norman Levin on their 60th  
 Harriet & David Schapiro on their 60th  
 Gertrude & Israel Freedman on their 65th  
 Elaine & Jack Millman on their 65th  
 Elsie & David Koenigsberg on their 70th

**SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES**

Morning		Evening	
Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m.	Monday – Thursday	7:30 p.m.
<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	7:45 a.m.	Friday	6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	10:00 a.m.	Saturday	sundown*
Sunday & Legal Holidays	9:15 a.m.	Sunday	5:30 p.m.

\*Check website or call 410-580-2727

**IN MEMORIAM**

**NORMA CAPLAN  
 ULRICH COHN  
 NORMAN GARFIELD  
 FLORENCE (FLOS) SHAPIRO**

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](mailto:sandi@bethelbalto.com).

**High Holiday Healing Service**

**Shabbat, August 17, Kreitzer Memorial Room,  
 9:00 a.m. – 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.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Friday, August 2

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:57 p.m.

### Saturday, August 3

#### Parsha of the Week – Re'eh

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 8:15 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 6

#### Rosh Chodesh Elul-Day 1

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

### Wednesday, August 7

#### Rosh Chodesh Elul-Day 2

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

### Friday, August 9

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:49 p.m.

### Saturday, August 10

#### Parsha of the Week – Shoftim

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 8:15 p.m.

### Friday, August 16

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:40 p.m.

### Saturday, August 17

#### Parsha of the Week – Ki Tetze

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.

### Friday, August 23

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, August 24

#### Parsha of the Week – Ki Tavo

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 7:45 p.m.

### Friday, August 30

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:20 p.m.

### Saturday, August 31

#### Parsha of the Week – Nitzavim-Vayelech

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service (Mincha) 7:45 p.m.  
Selichot Service 9:00 p.m.

## SUMMER 2013 ONEG

### Friday, August 9

Please join us for our summer oneg! Friday evening after services, we will have a lovely oneg outside under the evening sky.

Come join us for chilled wines, an array of delicious appetizers, and most importantly time to foster relationships within the Beth El community.

## “A Special Thank You”



There are just not enough words to begin to say thank you to the entire Beth El family for their support over these past few weeks. My children and I were so overwhelmed, but not surprised, by the outpouring of your love for us during this very difficult time. You made us feel as if your arms embraced us and we were not alone. The Beth El community is unique in many ways and we found out just how unbelievable you all are. We cannot thank you enough for your caring and concern.

I have come to learn that I work with a group of people that will always hold a special place in my heart. To all of you from all of us, we thank you for being there at a time when we needed so much support.

Diane Cole and Family

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

Beginning October 16  
8 sessions

Jewish Community Services and Beth El Congregation are sponsoring a bereavement group for anyone in the community who has lost a child. The group will provide a welcoming environment in which people who have experienced the death of a child can address their feelings and concerns. Beginning on October 16, the group will meet for 8 evening sessions at Beth El, and will be facilitated by a JCS professional. The goal is to help transform pain into hope and have group members support one another as they work towards finding some serenity and happiness while dealing with their loss. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Beth El Rheda and Melvyn Goldman Bereavement Group, these sessions are free of charge.

For more information and to register, please call JCS at 410-466-9200.

## 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.

- Our **website** can be found at [www.bethelbalto.com](http://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!

- 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](mailto:amanda@bethelbalto.com). You must indicate if you want to receive both *E-Voice* and *The Voice*.

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

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

## SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



## THE SHOFAR SPEAKS

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

**W**hat does the sound of the shofar mean to you? How does it make you feel, what does it call you to? For each of us the answer is different, and also the answer is the same.

First of all, the answer that is the same for all of us: the sound of the shofar means something. In fact, it means quite a lot. Judaism is a tradition filled with rituals, but I would argue that the pure emotional response of the Jew to the sound of the shofar is unequalled in the tradition. I believe there is not a person in services, from the very youngest to the oldest, who is not moved by the sound of the tekiah. We respond to it in a profound way. We automatically rise when the shofar blower brings the horn to his or her lips. There is an emotional thrill we experience when the notes hit our ears, speaking to us of ancient history, of God on Sinai, of age old rituals in Jerusalem, of a tradition that has been enacted literally for thousands of years. A tradition that we know deep inside we are connected to. Tekiah - shevarim - teruah - the notes speak to us: we are part of a beautiful heritage, a sacred covenant, a unique and proud community, and a rich history. Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of all of that.

Of course the shofar also speaks to us of our own history, our personal history. This is different for each of us. In the Torah this day is called Yom Hazikaron, the Day of Memory. The shofar's call reminds us of Rosh Hashanah's past, the sharing of sacred days with family and friends, the hopes and dreams that the start of a new year represented to us when we were children, or teenagers, or just married. It is a bit counterintuitive that the start of a new year makes us think of the years gone by, but it is true, and it is powerful. The shofar calls us to think of the year that is ending. Was it a good one, filled with joy and health, with growth and light and learning? Or was it a challenging year, where difficulties confronted us, where loss or illness touched our lives? We consider the year gone by, we weigh our deeds, even our thoughts and hopes and dreams. But at the same time we understand that a chapter is ending, a page is turning, and a new chapter is about to begin. What will we write on this year's pages? Rosh Hashanah reminds us of what a blessing this opportunity is if we take it seriously.

Last, but certainly not least, the shofar speaks to our souls. That is why the sound, the 'loud, clarion call,' lifts our spirits, lightens our hearts, and inspires us to do and be better in the year ahead. To renew and refresh. To recommit to the ideals and values that should guide our lives. To reconnect with a sense of the sacred, with the spirit and grace of God, while at the same time strengthening our ties to those we love. The shofar in part represents the ram that Abraham found on Mt. Moriah. That ram became the sacrifice when Isaac was spared. In this way the shofar reminds us of the greatest gift that God can ever give us, the gift of life. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life in the New Year for a year that is sweet, and filled with health and happiness. *L'Shanah Tova!*

### First Aid for the High Holidays



We will have an EMT available to provide first aid during all High Holiday services. The first aid station is located in the main office, off of the Weil-Mandel lobby.

### Evening of Rosh Hashanah

**Wednesday, September 4, 6:00 P.M.**

The High Holidays will begin on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. with a family service in the Rubin Sanctuary for the entire congregation. This service is open to all members. There will be open seating; however, a limited number of seats will have yellow "reserved" signs on them.

Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Cantor Thom King will lead the service, and our Children's Choir will be participating.

### A Traditional Tashlich Gathering

**Thursday, September 5, 4:30 P.M.**

**Woodholme Country Club**, 300 Woodholme Avenue, by the lake

Come cast away your sins! This ceremony, "Tashlich," allows us to express our desire to be free from sin. As we toss crumbs into the waters we symbolically cleanse ourselves of our misdeeds.

Please join us on Thursday, September 5 at 4:30 p.m.  
Cookies and juice will be served.  
Everyone is invited to bring their shofar and bread crumbs.

### Annual Service of Remembrance

**Sunday, September 8, 10:30 a.m.**

**Beth El Memorial Park**

We come together as a community during the High Holy Day period to honor the memories of our beloved departed. Memorial prayers and kaddish will be recited at the cemetery, and people will be able to visit individual graves of family members and friends following our half-hour service. This service is especially meaningful to people during the holidays, a natural time in our year when we look back and reflect on the meaning of our lives and the people who have helped shape us. The Service will be conducted by Rabbi Steven Schwartz, Rabbi Dana Saroken, and Cantor Thom King in the Tony Weil Mandel Memorial Chapel. Seating is provided.

### NEED A HOST FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

**S**ome may be familiar with the story of Abraham and his three visitors, but if not, here is a quick summary of what happened on that day. Abraham and his wife Sarah had a visit from three unknown persons; Abraham offered them traditional hospitality. He washed their feet and offered them food. When all was prepared, he set curds, milk and a calf before them under a tree. (Genesis 18:1-8)

The three visitors were portrayed as men at first, then as angels, recognizable by their wings. Abraham took them in when he was under the impression that they were simply strangers.

The hospitality of Abraham has been the standard for all Jews to strive toward. Let us follow Abraham's lead and continue this generous tradition. Invite those without a place for the holidays to join you and your family at your home for a Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur meal.

**If you are interested in signing up as a host family**, please contact **Amanda Freed** at 410-484-0411 or email [amanda@bethelbalto.com](mailto:amanda@bethelbalto.com).

**If you do not have a place to go for a High Holiday meal** and would like to be welcomed into someone's home, please contact **Amanda Freed** at 410-484-0411 or email [amanda@bethelbalto.com](mailto:amanda@bethelbalto.com).



# A NEW MAHZOR

By Rabbi Schwartz

For the first time in more than three decades Beth El will be using a new Mahzor for the High Holy Days. The Mahzor, called Lev Shalem (A Full Heart), was published by the Conservative Movement 3 years ago, and has received rave reviews around the country wherever it has been used. It combines the traditional text with an up to date translation, as well as, commentaries both modern and ancient.



This is a mahzor that will give people a deeper understanding of the themes of the High Holy Days, as well as a new level of access to the service itself. Virtually every page has a new insight, comment, or historical note that will enhance the entire experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at Beth El.

In a sense, the pages of Lev Shalem are the record of a conversation which has been going on for two thousand years. On one page you might see an ancient prayer from the time of the Mishnah (200 CE), commentary on that prayer from the Middle Ages, and an insight from a modern thinker. The chronological strata on the page work together to create a profound sense of the power of the High Holy Day services. This beautiful new Mahzor achieves that difficult to strike balance between the old and the new, the traditional and the modern that all congregations in the 21st century are striving for.

The Lev Shalem Mahzor will be formally introduced to the congregation at Selichot services the evening of Shabbat, August 31 at 9:00 p.m. The traditional Selichot eve service, composed by our Cantor Thom King, accompanied by cellist Evan Drachman, will segue into a series of study sessions exploring the new mahzor, its structure, and its commentaries. This is a wonderful way to get ready for the beginning of a new year and the most sacred season in the Jewish calendar. Join us for Selichot services and a preview of the new mahzor! Mahzorim are also available for dedication. To dedicate a new Mahzor, please visit [www.bethelbalto.com](http://www.bethelbalto.com) to print out an order form. You can find the link under "Updates and Announcements" on the left side of the homepage.

The initial purchase of the mahzoring was made possible through the generosity of Brenda Mandel and Louis B. Frock.

As we use this new book for the very first time, let us all be mindful of the Sefer Ha'chayim, the Book of Life. May we all be inscribed in it for a year of health and happiness in 5774.

## IPPE FAMILY SERVICE

IPPE - (Yippe without the "Y") is a family friendly service where children, parents, and grandparents can pray together as a family! Rabbi Faith Cantor and Sarah King facilitate our IPPE services.

Using songs, stories, and traditional prayers, IPPE makes the service accessible and participatory for everyone. Children help to lead the service, are invited to spend time on the Bima, and even have a quiet area in the back of the room where they can take a break when they need it! Honors are not handed out ahead of time. Anyone who would like to have an aliyah, blow shofar, or lead part of the service can have the opportunity to do so!

We meet both days of **Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6 at 11:00 a.m.** and on **Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 14 at 11:00 a.m.** We will be offering a **IPPE Kol Nidrei at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13.** This short service is designed for families who want to hear Kol Nidrei at an earlier time with their children. There will be a special story told during this service.

If you enjoy IPPE during the High Holidays, please look for our monthly Shabbat Service, and our Shabbat dinners throughout the year!

## PARKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Parking is difficult at this time of year. We appreciate your cooperation with our professional parking staff in alleviating unnecessary congestion. If the main lot is full, you may park your cars at one of the following locations:

- **Hooks Lane** (where allowed) – Please take notice of all posted signs!
- **Greene Tree Road** (off of Hooks Lane)
- **Brooks Robinson Drive** (formerly Radio Tower Drive)
- **Park Heights Avenue** (where allowed) – Please take notice of all posted signs!

For the convenience of our congregants, shuttle busses, provided by **Len Stoler**, will operate along these locations. No unaccompanied child under the age of 16 will be allowed on the bus.

**Please remember that illegally parked cars are subject to ticketing by the Baltimore County Police Department. If you park in a fire lane, you will be towed or ticketed. These county regulations will be enforced and Beth El Congregation is not liable for cars ticketed or towed.**

## Let Beth El Help Make It a Sweet New Year... with a KUGEL!

DON'T MISS OUT! THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ARE EARLY THIS YEAR!

Order a kugel to have a sweet year - and to support Beth El!

Available kugels are:

Sweet Kugel \$19.00

Raisin Kugel \$23.00

Apple Kugel (sweet bread pudding) \$29.00

Peach Kugel \$23.00

All of the above come in a 9 x 13 pan, are 300g, and will serve 24 small pieces

The kugels freeze well and can also be used for break-fast. Fill out the form below and submit it with payment by **Thursday, August 22**

All orders must be picked up

Tuesday, September 3 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All kugels must be paid for when ordering  
Your check is your confirmation and receipt

Please submit to the congregation office  
For more information contact Diane Cole, Event Coordinator at 410-484-0411

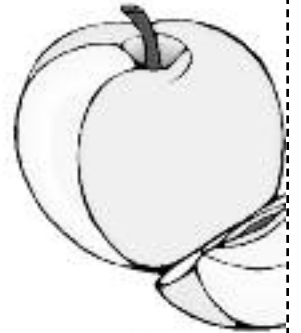
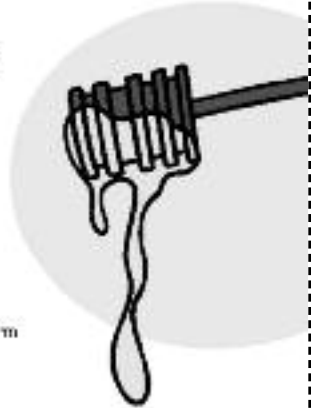
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Kugel:  Sweet(\$19.00)  Raisin(\$23.00)  Apple (sweet bread pudding)(\$29.00)  
 Peach(\$23.00)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## BABY ROOM (BIRTH TO 2 YEARS OF AGE)

Located in the Rabbi Jacob Agus Library

Parents name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR CHILDREN

If you are not registered, we will not have space for you. **Please fill out form, tear off and return by Monday, August 26.** For questions, contact **Sandi Block** at [sandi@bethelbalto.com](mailto:sandi@bethelbalto.com).

## IT IS NOW TIME TO ORDER YOUR LULAV AND ETROG SET FOR SUKKOT!

Please fill out this form, tear off and return to the Beth El office no later than Monday, August 26. **Orders received from Tuesday, August 27 to Monday, September 9 are \$60. No orders accepted after Monday, September 9.**

Erev Sukkot begins Wednesday, September 18 and continues Thursday and Friday, September 19 and 20. Lulav and etrog sets will be available for pickup Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$50 per \_\_\_\_\_ set (s) payable to Beth El Congregation or please bill me \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ set(s).

Please mail to: Beth El Congregation-8101 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21208

For questions or to order, email **Sandi Block** at [sandi@bethelbalto.com](mailto:sandi@bethelbalto.com)

## ROAR FOR AUTISM, YOU ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

This past spring, Moreh Sam Wach's Kitah Dalet, 4th grade class, decided to help other children in need. The weather was gorgeous, a perfect day to participate in a walk/run race. The class raised \$395, which surpassed the goal of \$250 set by consensus in February. Moreh Sam was so proud of his class, "We helped a tzedakah, which helps many people, including family and friends of people in our class." He went on to say, "The students also learned about Lag B'Omer and about the Jewish trait of humility while sitting out in the sun on a park bench." Parents joined us for the event giving the students and Moreh Sam an opportunity to have a great time schmoozing together. The Mitzvot didn't stop there, Moreh Sam said a blessing over the water and snacks and the students helped a woman find her husband.

Dr. Bor and all at Beth El are so proud of our students for participating in tzedakah all year round in many different avenues. If you and your family participated in tzedakah, please email your story and photo to Morah Jill Eisen, [jill@bethelbalto.com](mailto:jill@bethelbalto.com) to be shared in a school email update and maybe even in *The Voice*.



### Thank you to Beth El Preschool

Dear Dr. Bor and Ilene,

It is my greatest pleasure to be able to thank you for six wonderful years at Beth El Preschool. My children have thrived in so many ways it's a bit overwhelming trying to articulate it to you. From the teachers to the Late Stay staff, I continue to be impressed by the caliber of knowledge, patience and skill level that everyone at Beth El demonstrates.

Ilene, since you have been Director at Beth El, I have noticed a different feeling in the school - and it is amazing! You are compassionate, kind, nurturing and a brilliant educator. You have challenged Justin academically and provided a learning environment that has enabled him to grow beyond our wildest expectations. His teachers have embraced his uniqueness and given him a foundation for life that is invaluable. Malca and Shelley have even welcomed my older son, Jacob, to read to their classes on multiple occasions. They continued to give him praise and recognition every time he has visited since his graduation from Beth El in 2011.

The peace of mind you have given me over the years is indescribable. Thank you for giving my family a perfect preschool experience. We will miss you all and look forward to visiting next year.

Warmest Regards,  
Melissa Lenet

### INFANT & TODDLER CARE IS GROWING!

- ✿ Programs for infants and toddlers from 3 to 24 months
- ✿ Offering full time care Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Contact **Dee Curtin**, Program Coordinator, at **410-580-2723** or [dee@bethelbalto.com](mailto:dee@bethelbalto.com) for more information and to arrange a tour of our infant and toddler area.

## PAULINE MASH SCHOOL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### Fall Happenings

#### New Family Room Programs

#### BEGINNING SEPTEMBER

##### My Grown Up and Me

Tuesdays, September 10 through December 17, 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 18-24 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; \$360 non-member

##### Lunch Bunch

Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Need a place to go for lunch after school and before nap? Purchase Mac & Cheese on Mondays and/or Pizza on Wednesdays or bring your own lunch and go into the family room for lunch and playtime. CDs and movies are available. There is no charge for this program.

#### BEGINNING OCTOBER

##### Terrific Toddlers

Tuesdays & Thursdays, October 1 – December 17, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is a drop off class (once your toddler is comfortable). Your children will sing songs, have sensory experiences, learn to make choices and much more. This toddler class is designed to support toddler development while giving their loving adults time to take care of business. Cost \$750 members; \$980 non-members

##### Bim Bam Shabbat Drop-In

Fridays starting October 4 - December 13, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Join us for one hour of Shabbat songs, activities and snacks. Then walk with us to the Kolker Room for our school-wide Shabbat celebration.

#### BEGINNING NOVEMBER

##### Sensory Exploration

Mondays, November 11 – December 16, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 12-18 month old children. Children will have sensory experiences, music, finger plays and Jewish holiday experiences under the supervision of an infant toddler developmental specialist. Six week session is \$72.

##### Drop-In Story Time - Teaching Jewish values through children's books

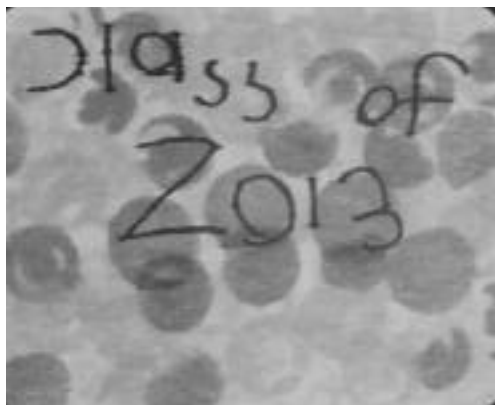
Wednesdays, November 6 – November 20, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Come hear a classic story with a twist—learn a Jewish concept or value found in the story. For example, *Click Clack Moo*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Brown Bear What Do You See*, and *Little Critter*. This class is free to Beth El members and \$10 a session to non-members.

##### Grand Play

Thursdays, November 7 - December 20, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This is a playgroup for grandparents and their grandchildren. All children ages 3 and under may attend. This is an open playroom time. Grandparents can meet other grandparents while the children play. There is no charge for Beth El members. \$10 per class for non-members.

#### Other Announcements

**Back by Popular Demand: Special Early Childhood Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.** The High Holidays just got better. We will be offering a three 45 minute High Holiday options designed specifically for young children and their parents in the preschool just before IPPE begins. One will be a prayer service with appropriate songs and prayers. One will be an activity room where children can make holiday projects. One will be story time where children will hear holiday stories and put on little holiday plays.



**MAZEL TOV TO ALL OF THE 2013 PRESCHOOL GRADUATES!**

**Room 6**  
 Eliana Berlin  
 Natan Brum  
 Jared Goldstein  
 Eliza Livits  
 Lyla Moses  
 Maya Rone  
 Noah Schultz  
 Abigail Seaman  
 Hailey Winston  
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 Zachary Chait  
 Madison Goldsmith  
 Justin Lenet  
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 Gil Reingewertz  
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Leonard: At least I didn't have to invent 26 dimensions just to make the math come out.  
 Sheldon: I didn't invent them, they are there!

**AGUS LIBRARY  
 HOURS**

The library is closed and will reopen in October after the High Holidays.  
 If you would like to take out a book during the summer please contact Marlene Siegel, 410-484-1844 to make an appointment.

**BETH EL  
 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](mailto:andy@bethelbalto.com) for more information.

**WE'RE BACK!**



**Stay tuned!**

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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 **Andy Katz** at **410-484-0411** or email **andy@bethelbalto.com** so we can invite them to Beth El.

**S E N I O R S**



**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

The Beth El Seniors will NOT have a September dinner meeting because we will be busy preparing for all of the Yom Tovim with our families.

**OCTOBER MEETING**

The Beth El Seniors will be holding their October dinner meeting on **Sunday, October 13** at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. The cost for the evening is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members. Our entertainment will be Jim Forero who is the vocalist of the year for Baltimore's Got Talent. Jim will regale us with his lovely voice. **Reservations and payments are due no later than Tuesday, October 1, 2013.** 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. For further information, call **Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653** or **Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242.**

**ROSH HASHANA & YOM KIPPUR**

Beth El Seniors wishes all of its members and the entire synagogue family a very happy and healthy 5774. May this be the year that we all find peace in the world.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – DUES ARE NOW DUE**

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 with a special price of only \$30 per couple for a 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.



# SOCIAL ACTION

In order to help meet the extended needs of Beth El seniors, our Social Action committee wants to pass on information about a newly formed organization, **Northwest Neighbors Connecting**, a division of Chai and The Associated. Wonderful connections are being made through the organization with area seniors and other volunteers within our community. They are initially focusing on Baltimore City but if there is significant response beyond, they could expand in the future. If you are a senior looking for assistance, or a willing volunteer interested in assisting and learning from seniors, read the release from NNC below and get involved.

"Northwest Neighbors Connecting is an organization committed to transforming the way we care for each other. We are a cross cultural, inter-generational organization striving for a cohesive community where all residents feel safe, secure and connected. We aim to support aging well in community by supporting members' stability; enriching people's lives; maintaining a member-run organization; and giving and receiving services to each other.

We want to provide you with transportation, friendly check in calls, social events, advocacy for your issues, a list of trustworthy professionals we can recommend, inter-generational activity – where you might connect with someone younger and share a skill with THEM, and overall improved connection with your community.

Opportunities for young people include helping seniors with computer problems; picking up items from the store; friendly visits; and anything else that is a match between a senior's need and a young person's ability to fill it. Some opportunities are on an as-needed basis, and some could be regularly scheduled.

We have volunteers standing by to give you a ride, help you change your light bulbs, possibly fix your computer, or help shlep something heavy from your home to the curb.

There is a membership fee to join – ranging from \$50 a month, \$25 per month or \$5 a month depending on the individual's comfort level. No documentation is required to determine what level a person will pay. A simple conversation is all it takes."

410-622-6220 or email us at [nncbaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:nncbaltimore@gmail.com) to connect!  
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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. Please no wool. If you cannot knit or crochet you can also help by donating yarn. For more information contact **Dora Smith** at [wave116@comcast.net](mailto:wave116@comcast.net).



BETH EL EVENTS' COMMITTEE PRESENTS  
**SUSIE FISHBEIN**  
 kosher by design cookbook series author

Thursday, October 10, 2013  
 6:00 p.m.

Cooking demonstration followed by dinner

\$50/per person, members only  
 Space is limited so sign up today!

RSVP to Yvonne Portove at 410-484-0411 or email [yvonne@bethelbalto.com](mailto:yvonne@bethelbalto.com). Your check is your reservation.

Class underwritten by Marshall and Dr. Joann Reif and family in memory of Norma Reif.



## A Little About Susie...

Susie Fishbein is a world-famous kosher cook and author. Susie has been the featured celebrity guest on cruise ships as well as at a week-long culinary adventure in the Galil in Israel. Profiled in the New York Times and on CNN, Susie has been named one of the 50 most influential Jews by the Forward. She has been a guest on dozens of network TV and radio shows. Susie was featured at the Epcot International Food and Wine Festival at Disneyworld, and taught at the Degustibus cooking school in NY. Susie was an honored guest at the White House in recognition of National Jewish Heritage Month. Just back from leading a culinary tour in Tuscany, Susie lives with her family in New Jersey.



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## AN INVITATION TO A MAJOR JEWISH HAPPENING



The Conversation of the Century  
 October 11-15, 2013  
[www.uscj100.org](http://www.uscj100.org)

Shabbaton, October 11-12  
 Conference, October 13-15

This October, United Synagogue will celebrate its Centennial by hosting The Conversation of the Century – an unprecedented gathering of 21st century Jews and today's most inspiring Jewish leaders. It's happening at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, and there are terrific discounts for the local community. The Centennial is designed so that a team from our congregation will be able to: Nourish our souls with an unforgettable Shabbat, featuring five types of services and learning with some of the leading lights of Jewish thought. Address challenges to building thriving communities: 50-plus workshops will provide new strategies and practical tools. Explore changes in Jewish identity and affiliation, making prayer resonant, and welcoming interfaith families. Share ideas with and learn from peers, outstanding Jewish leaders, and emerging innovators. Meet the new USCJ, a revitalized organization committed to strengthening congregations. Experience a real "Jewish Happening."

Register now at [www.uscj100.org](http://www.uscj100.org). You can attend all or part of the Centennial. Some may want to attend the Shabbaton, October 11-12; others, the conference, October 13-15; still others just for a day. The special rate for the first 100 local registrants is \$100 for all the main events; the next 100 pay \$175. The local conference rate includes the Shabbaton, with Friday dinner or Saturday lunch, plus Monday lunch. For details, click on "register" at [www.uscj.org](http://www.uscj.org).

Don't miss your chance to be part of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Convention: "The Conversation of the Century." **Volunteers Needed** - Sunday, October 13, 2013 - Tuesday October 15, 2013.

Contact **Steve Silverman** at [stevensilvermanlaw@gmail.com](mailto:stevensilvermanlaw@gmail.com) for more information.



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The Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Case by Sandy and Norm Benney

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The Bat Mitzvah of Maxine Kontroff by Barbara Levenson, Marsha Sindler

The Bat Mitzvah of Bea Yoffe by Barbara Levenson, Marsha Sindler

Jerry Schnydmann incoming presidency of Beth El Congregation by Dale and Ray Kahn

The Bat Mitzvah of Maxine Kontroff by Penny and Mike Schwarz, Renee and Burton King

The birth of Harper Elle, granddaughter of Carol and Gil Kleiner by Dale and Ray Kahn

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The special birthday of Stanley Rutko by Renee and

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The Bat Mitzvah of Susan Allen by Renee and Burton King, Bunny and Mike Roseman

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Yvonne Pentove's 40th anniversary working at Beth El Congregation by Sonia and Ed Obstler, Ellen and Jay Marks

The birth of twin granddaughters to Mindy and Ronnie Fishkind by Joanne and Marshall Rief and Family

The 90th birthday of Lenora Talles by Gail and Michael Brooks

The 90th birthday of Helen Goldberg by Gail and Michael Brooks

The special wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Feldman by Rosalie and Aaron Friedmann

## FALL 2013 CULTURAL TRIPS

*The Cultural Trips, which are sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood, are open to members of Sisterhood and the Congregation.*

### Washington, DC

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

**8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**



The first stop of the day will be the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the only museum in the world dedicated solely to celebrating the artistic achievement of women.

This museum opened in 1987 and through the years its permanent collection has grown to include over 3,000 works of art by 800 artists from 28 countries. The collection includes a wide range of styles and media by women from the 16th century to the present. Our docent led tour will highlight the main attractions in this extensive collection.

Leaving the museum, our group will travel to the Newseum where you will have lunch on your own in the cafeteria or a nearby restaurant. After lunch, each person will explore, at his/her own pace, the many exhibits and displays offered by the museum. Four new exhibits you will want to explore are: the Newseum's special tribute to JFK on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination, *Creating Camelot*, *Three Shots Were Fired* and an original documentary *A Thousand Days; Blood and Ink*, which presents front pages from the Civil War; *First Dogs* which highlights presidential dogs in the White House and *G-Men and Journalists*. There are also 15 theaters available where you may observe the world's greatest stories and moments.

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### Chadds Ford and the Hagley Museum:

**Thursday, October 24, 2013**

**8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**



In the morning our group will travel to Chadds Ford, PA to visit the Brandywine River Museum which is home to one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of works by N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth. Two new exhibits by Andrew and Jamie Wyeth will open the week we are there. After viewing the exhibits, you will have lunch on your own in the museum's cafeteria and from there you will be able to enjoy the fall foliage.

Leaving Chadds Ford, we will have a short ride to the Hagley Museum. Hagley is where the Du Pont story began. Set on 235 acres along the Brandywine River, you will visit restored powder mills, the first home of the Du Pont family in America, and its gardens. Our docent led tour and the visitor center will trace the history of the Du Pont Company from explosive manufacturing to its development of chemical products.

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**Cost for both trips is \$ 140**

**Registration forms are on Beth El's website**

**www.bethelbalto.com or at the receptionist desk at Beth El.**

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

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The special birthday of Mr. B. Robert Fellerman by Debbie and Steve Weiss

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The Aliyah received by Renee King

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Marlene Siegel incoming Presidency of Beth El Sisterhood by Judy Frankle

The 60th wedding anniversary of Bette and Herb Dahne by Judy Frankle, Honey and Jeff Litman, Yvonne and Rene Daniel,

Judy Frankle's outgoing presidency of Beth El Sisterhood by Sheila Rosenfeld

The special 105th birthday of Mary Shofer by Judy Pachino

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The special anniversary of Susie and Steve Weintraub by Rona and Dennis Weiner and Family

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**IN HONOR OF:**

The Bat Mitzvah of Emma Villamater by Cindy, Jon, Chad and Brent Hazman

The birth of the son to Lauren Buerger and Travis Holub by Denise and Keith Franz

The birth of Harper Elle granddaughter of Carol and Gil Kleiner by Denise and Keith Franz, Hulane Zolet, Florence Sandler

The Bat Mitzvah of Bea Yoffe by Emily and Howard Goren, Alvin and Sonya Freedman, Bill and Ethel Braverman, Marilyn Abrahams, Rachel Layton, Sandra Ehrlich, Gloria Cissel, Joyce and Tom Stern, Cyrile Goren and Family, Sandra Stein

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The birth of grandchildren of Tammy and Mike Killner by Beth and Albert Blumberg

The marriage of Jeffrey Marks to Rebekah by Denise and Keith Franz

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The engagement of Eric Pick by Susan and John Abosch

The 105th birthday of Mary Shofer by Veronica Kestenberg

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The Bat Mitzvah of Bea Yoffe by The Miller Family, Enid Kramer, Fran and David Goodman to The Youth Education Fund

The Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Rubin by Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Brave to The Youth Education Fund

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The Bat Mitzvah of Jeanne Wachter by Rina, Howard, Andrew and Adam Janet, Miriam Smelkinson to The Prayer Book Fund

The Bat Mitzvah of Irene Snyder by Bunny and Howard Kohn, Jeffrey and Ricka Fine to The Prayer Book Fund

The Bat Mitzvah of Bea Yoffe by Harriette Solomon to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund

The unveiling of Gary Shaivitz by Jules and Selma Shaivitz to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund

The Bat Mitzvah of Jeanne Wachter by Ms. Goldie W. Beber to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund

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Rabbi Schwartz's services by Myra and Steve Katz to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund

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The special birthday of Steve Weintraub by Michael and Gail Brooks, Susan and Gary Talles to the Dr. Michael Weintraub Memorial Scholarship Fund

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 Rosadean Askin by Sanford Askin to The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Philip Mann by Michael Mann to The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Louis Zerwitz by Randi Zerwitz to The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Isadore Schnapper by Elaine Goodman to The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Abraham Merin by Arnold B. Merin to The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Samuel H. Davis by Richard G. Davis to The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Dorothee Wolffe by Arnold B. Merin to The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Dorothy Schuman by Rita and Lou Michaelson to The Mitzvah Fund  
 Betty R. Finkelstein by Patti and Ira Friedman to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund  
 Jacob Marks by Marvin Marks To The Yahrzeit Fund  
 Sidney Weinman by Michael H. Weinman to The Yahrzeit Fund

**IN APPRECIATION FOR:**

The services from Beth El during mourning period by Mariyn Weisman to The Morning Minyan Fund

**HONORS AND MEMORIALS**

*A Leaf on the tree of life*

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of  
 Ethan Harrison  
 June 15, 2013  
 By Debbi and Michael Stern

In Honor of the 75th birthday of  
 Sandy Glass  
 By her husband, Marvin

In Honor of the birth of  
 Spencer Joshua Samet  
 June 5, 2013  
 By his grandparents  
 Ellen and Robert Samet

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of  
 Andrew Harrison  
 February 28, 2004  
 By Randy and Helene Lutz

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of  
 Evan Michael  
 October 29, 2005  
 By Randy and Helene Lutz

*A large stone under the tree of life*

In honor of the 50th anniversary of  
 Sandy and Marvin Glass  
 June 25, 2013  
 By their children, Aileen and Marc Grebow  
 And grandchildren, Melanie, Ashley and Courtney

**Make a Difference —  
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celebration. Each and every year your gift makes a difference in someone's life, in the life of a family, and in the quality of our community.

Make that difference again this year. Perhaps the most important values in all of Judaism are tikkun olam (the fixing of the world) and tzedakah (charitable giving). When you give to the Annual Appeal you fulfill both of these values at the same time. In doing so you are sharing your own good fortune and setting an example for children and grandchildren, and for friends as well. With your help we can reach the ambitious goals we have set for this year's Appeal, and much more importantly we can continue to create the kind of vibrant, caring, and sacred community that we all want Beth El to be. So help us this year. Give. Give generously. Give from the heart to a place that you care about and love. Please.

**The Waters That Can Change Your Life —  
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a new self, we invite you to use the mikveh as a way to reflect on this past year, to privately articulate your accomplishments and highlights, your failures and shortcomings and with three immersions (or "dips") to ask God for the strength, courage or hope you need to begin anew.

Please make your appointments as soon as possible to ensure a time and a trained mikveh guide will be available to answer any questions you have or to help in any way you need.

Below you will find excerpts from ceremonies specifically designed for the High Holidays. Of course, prayers from the heart are always welcome!

**The Beginning of the Journey**

*An Immersion Ceremony for Rosh Hashanah*

Water is God's gift to living souls,  
 To clear us, to purify us,  
 To sustain us and renew us.

As I immerse myself in mayim hayyim, living waters,  
 I begin a new cycle in my life.  
 May my entry into the waters of the mikveh  
 mark the beginning of the journey that lies ahead.

Though the future is uncertain, I release this past year with all its difficulties and joys.  
 I open my heart to receive the blessings of the New Year.

**Turning to Forgiveness**

*An Immersion Ceremony for Yom Kippur*

Water is God's gift to living souls,  
 To cleanse us, to purify us,  
 to sustain us and to renew us.

As I immerse myself in mayyim hayyim, living waters,  
 may I open the possibility of forgiveness.  
 May my entry into these waters mark my intention to forgive myself,  
 forgive others, and ask other to forgive me.

May my resistance to this task be dissolved.

(Keep an eye out for new Immersion Ceremonies being featured in the months to come. Each are so beautifully written and feature occasions in a person's life that anyone can relate to.)

Wishing everyone a rejuvenating August and the opportunity to renew yourselves spiritually before the holidays.

Shana Tovah U'Metukah (A sweet and happy new year....)

— Rabbi Dana Saroken

**IT IS RAELY TRUE**



**Winning hands ...**

Israeli pianist Boris Giltburg won the 2013 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels, Belgium, where he demonstrated perfect technical abilities, inventiveness and emotion. Giltburg, 28, was born in Moscow and lives in Tel Aviv. Six pianists from different countries reached the final stage of the competition, considered one of the most important and prestigious in the world.

**The number in Israel is declining ...**

The number of smokers, that is, according to a recent Health Ministry survey. The survey found that 27.2% of Israeli men and 14.5% of Israeli women smoke. The smoking rate in the Jewish population is 19.8%, and in the Arab population — 24.9%. More than 30% of the smoking population reported

cutting down on cigarettes following the ban on smoking in public places.

**A new role (model) ...**

Supermodel Bar Refaeli has been confirmed as the host of "The X Factor Israel" reality show, and according to estimates in the industry she will be paid some NIS 1 million (about \$270,000) per season. The show will be the Israeli version of Simon Cowell's television music competition. Contestants on the Israeli show are required to be over the age of 15.



Photo courtesy of Judi Snyder.

*Cantor Thom King and Pastor Charles Sembly of Union Bethel AME Church are joined by the Beth El Choir on stage during the July 7th commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Gwynn Oak Park in 1963. Hundreds braved the heat to sing, pray, and remember the fight for equal rights. A symbolic "Freedom March" culminated in the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by County Executive Kevin Kamanetz.*

# JEWISH MUSEUM OF MARYLAND LEGACY SOCIETY EVENT

By Linda Smeyne

Members of the Beth El Legacy Society experienced an exhilarating evening on Thursday, June 13 at the Jewish Museum of Maryland. The spirit of the occasion was in no way dampened by violent thunderstorms and a partially closed Jones Falls Expressway.

Abigail Krolik, a museum staff member, led a tour of the latest exhibition: *Golden Age of Comic Books, 1938 -1950*; We learned that the creators of the most famous comic book characters and their stories during this period were largely Jewish and that the comics were designed to inject optimism during a dark time in our country.

Following the tour, Erwin Sekulow, founding chair of the Legacy Society and Jerome D. Schnydman, president of Beth El, greeted the audience and expressed their personal appreciation for the generosity of the Legacy Society members. With much passion, Rabbi Dana Saroken also expressed her gratitude to Legacy Society members for thinking ahead and making a difference for the next generation. She described the importance of legacy gifts to the Congregation, pointing out that estate gifts will help Beth El continue as a beacon of vibrant Jewish life for the congregation and for the Jewish community.

Legacy Society members were treated to a fascinating one-woman show, highlighting the life of Bessie Bluefeld, the matriarch of Bluefeld Caterers. Bessie was played by Terry Nicholetti, a professional actor, author and presentation coach from Washington D.C. Through narrative and costumes, she tells the story of Bessie's life and that of Charles, her husband, from the time they landed in Locust Point in 1906 until her death in 1941. Ms. Nicholetti portrayed Bessie Bluefeld with charm, humor, and authenticity. She chronicled the family as struggling immigrants rising to success in grocery and real estate enterprises, to their stunning financial loss in a real estate deal, and to their financial recovery and the start of Bluefeld Caterers with its Orchid Touch service. Throughout her life, Bessie was the consummate wife and mother and at the same time, a determined and visionary entrepreneur and caring volunteer on behalf of the sick and needy. Bessie Bluefeld was selected as the newest living history character of the Leo V. Berger Immigrant Trunk program at the Jewish Museum.

As the evening closed, Jerry Schnydman and Erv Sekulow presented members of the Legacy Society with mezzuzot.

*Bessie and Charles' sons, Louis and the late Phillip Bluefeld were founders of Beth El. The late Phillip and Ethel Bluefeld's children, Brian Bluefeld and Honey Litman are members of Beth El, as are Honey's children. Although Lou and his wife, Edith reside in Florida, they have retained their Beth El membership and we look forward to seeing them at the Annual Brunch hosted by Beth El in Florida.*



Established in 2007, the Beth El Legacy Society is a group of 77 donor families who have confirmed their provision of a bequest to Beth El in their will or estate plan.

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 to 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](mailto:ailene@bethelbalto.com).



## DO WE HAVE A STORY FOR YOU!

Thursday, October 17

The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Life Long Learning at Beth El is proud to invite you to hear Baltimore neighborhood stories with Gilbert Sandler on Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium.

Mr. Sandler, Baltimore historian, was born and raised in Baltimore. Mr. Sandler will delight us with his nostalgic tales that have graced print, radio and his podium for years. He will join us in celebrating the 2nd year of the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Life Long Learning and remembering the 4th year of Rabbi Loeb's remarkable legacy (1944-2009). This memorable evening is free and open to the community. For information, call **Ellen Marks**, 410-580-5166 or email [ellenm@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ellenm@bethelbalto.com).



The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Life Long Learning invited Dr. Robert O. Freedman, Hopkins' Professor of Political Science, to speak at Beth El. The first of the lectures in the series was on the impact of the Israeli election on Israeli politics and society and the second featured the impact of the Israeli election on US-Israeli relations.



## Got paper to recycle?

We are greatly appreciative of your participation in our paper recycling efforts that help raise awareness and funds for Beth El. Please note that the Abitibi green and yellow dumpsters at the fringe of the parking lot are designed to collect only paper, newspapers, and magazines and **do not accept cardboard of any kind including food boxes.**

Thank you again for your support.  
The Environmental Committee



## HERE ARE FIVE GREEN WAYS TO SAVE MONEY THIS MONTH.

GO GREEN!

**Be smart with your water usage.** Did you know that the average outdoor hose uses ten gallons of water per minute? Lawns and gardens tend to need extra water in the August heat, but it can easily get excessive. Be sure to water early in the morning or later in the evening, rather than in the heat of the day when much of the water will evaporate. Also be sure sprinklers and watering systems are not turned on automatically even when there's been a recent rain. If kids like to play in the water outside, use the sprinkler to water drying parts of the yard and move it after a few minutes or use a kiddie pool or squirt guns for water play instead. You might also consider investing in a rain barrel to collect water for your garden.

**Don't buy items you don't really need.** Most homes are full of ballpoint pens and pencils, for instance. Why do you need to buy packs of new ones? The same goes for clothes, shoes, bikes, back packs and more.

**Serve lots of no-cook meals.** There's no sense heating your kitchen even more by baking, boiling and frying in this heat. No-cook meals are perfect for summer. They tend to be cheaper, healthier and easier on the cook too! Some simple no-cook menu ideas include:

- Make-your-own sub sandwiches or wraps (put out a variety of toppings)
- Watermelon slices
- Salads
- Green smoothies
- Gazpacho (cold tomato and vegetable soup)
- Stuffed pita sandwiches
- Fruit mixes

**Make your own sunscreens.** (<http://www.examiner.com/article/make-your-own-natural-sunscreen>) and bug repellents (<http://www.examiner.com/article/10-natural-bug-repellants-to-try>). There's still plenty of time to get burned and bitten this summer. Go greener with your summer products by making them yourself.

**Head to the farmers' market.** You can find great deals (and the best tasting produce) now at your local farmers' market. (<http://baltimorefarmersmarkest.nova-antiques.com/>)

HAVE A GREAT, GREEN AUGUST!

**JOIN SISTERHOOD:  
IT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

The women of Beth El have the opportunity to participate in a myriad of dynamic and interesting events. In addition to monthly luncheons with informative programs or entertainment, you may choose to participate in book reviews, cultural trips, the Rabbis' book reviews, and Sisterhood Sabbath. You may also become involved in fundraising activities such as Unique Boutique, the Judaic Shop, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Activities and projects to promote Tikun Olam are part of our mission. If you are interested in joining, please call **Susan Hackerman** at **410-486-2523** or email her at **shacker1@hotmail.com**.

**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Benefactors of The Jewish Theological Seminary, who donated \$180 to the Torah Fund this past year, celebrated at a dessert tea on June 17 at the home of Jane Krosin. Rabbi Steven Schwartz spoke about the education of conservative rabbis, cantors and teachers at the Seminary.



The theme for the coming year is "mishpacha" and the new pin will be proudly worn by the benefactors. Please support this endeavor by making your donation of \$180 to become a benefactor. You may also purchase six all-occasion cards for \$18 or an individual card for \$4.00. Contact **Jane Krosin, 410-484-4218** or **Hilda Dopkin, 410-486-4453** for more information. Please support JTS.

**D'VAR TORAH**

Each monthly meeting of Sisterhood begins with a D'Var Torah presented by a member. All Sisterhood members are encouraged to present a D'Var Torah at one of these meetings. If you are interested in offering a D'Var Torah, please call or e-mail: **Yvonne Daniel, 410-356-6219 omay5@comcast.net**, or **Karen Lent, 410-602-0456 lentk@comcast.net**. Assistance in making these presentations is available.

**BIBLIO**

The closing gathering for Biblio was a luncheon and book review, the culmination of an outstanding season. Attendees received a list of suggestions for their summer reading.

All Sisterhood members are invited to attend the book reviews held monthly on Wednesdays at noon in the Kolker Room. Bring a dairy lunch and enjoy presentations of excellent reviews and stimulating discussions.

The opening book review will be on **Wednesday, October 9**. Saralynn Glass, an incisive, perceptive critic of contemporary writing, will discuss *Ghana Must Go* by T. Selasi, an exciting new novelist who gives the reader a view of the challenges facing an unusual family. Please join us. Call **Barbara Berkowitz, 410-296-8424** or **Rita Silverman, 410-484-1731** for further questions.



*Pictured above is the Joint Sisterhood Dinner Committee of conservative synagogues in the Baltimore area.*

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON SUBSCRIPTION PLAN**

Do you forget to make reservations for monthly Sisterhood meetings? Avoid that (and save money) by joining our luncheon subscription plan. For \$100.00 you will have a reservation for the following six dates:  
**November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, May 19**

If reserved separately, the cost of each luncheon will be \$20.00 in advance.

Please send your check for \$100.00 to:  
Marilyn Siegel  
7920 Long Meadow Road  
Baltimore, MD 21208

There are no refunds for missed meetings.

**SISTERHOOD'S OPENING EVENT**

Have you received your invoice for dues in the mail? If you've paid it, You have a "free ticket" to the paid-up brunch and program  
**Sunday, September 29, 2013, 11:00 a.m.**  
Offit Auditorium

Read the September *VOICE* for program information. The reservation coupon or email address for your **RSVP by Tuesday, September 17** is below. A reservation is required.

**PAID-UP SISTERHOOD BRUNCH COUPON**

Yes, I will attend the Paid-Up Sisterhood Brunch/Meeting on Sunday, September 29, 2013, 11:00 a.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Send Coupon to:  
Beth El Sisterhood  
8101 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21208

Or email your RSVP to Marcia Boonshaft:  
**jdboonshaft@verizon.net** or Esther Harris:  
**teach5ech@aol.com**

Subject: Sisterhood Brunch  
**RSVP by TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**  
**WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO SEAT WALK-INS FOR THE BRUNCH.**



## THANK YOU SISTERHOOD

All year long, I look forward to writing this article. It brings me such joy to know that every summer begins with the Beth El Sisterhood renewing their promise to always support our schools. This year was no exception, and at the Sisterhood End of Year Luncheon Beth El Schools received \$28,000.

I want to share with you some of what I said that morning... For 2000 years we the Jewish people have not only survived, but thrived ... and that is where we are today.

Beth El Schools are not in the business of surviving; we are in the business of thriving...

In the past several years our student population has increased while schools nationally are experiencing attrition.

We have four satellite campuses reaching over 60 families... In the Fall, we will launch two new satellites, one in Carroll County led by one of our members, a long time educator, Sid Malofsky, and our second Satellite will be run by Rabbi Cantor at JEMICY *for students with language based learning differences*. Students, who would never be a part of traditional religious schools, will receive their Jewish education from Beth El.

Ilene Vogelstein, our Preschool Director and myself, are exploring the options of opening another location for our preschoolers in Downtown Baltimore. We are also in the process of accreditation for the preschool which will increase our reputation and educational offerings.

We provide a Jewish education to all students with all abilities, whether with one on one tutoring; inclusion, or bringing in learning specialists.

Special programs take place throughout the year; music, art, speakers, and drama – it is all due to each one of you sitting here this morning!

If today, we do the same things as yesterday – *we will not thrive, we will be lucky to survive.*

Creativity and vision are what sets us apart – *and neither would be possible without your help.*

No longer can students sit in rows, in desks, and read from textbooks written in the 1970's and 1980's.

No longer can all students be taught the same way at the same time.

No longer can we depend on just classroom time to convey Jewish identity and literacy to the next generation of Jews.

Women of the sisterhood – *you bless us with the determination to succeed and your commitment to our success.*

As I walked through the Unique Boutique, I saw all of your hard work, vision, and creativity – the same exact things that we, the school, need to thrive.

There are not enough words to thank you for being our partners, supporters, and role models.

What you do for us, contributes directly to the Jewish future, not only here at Beth El, but far beyond.

If it was not for your continued support, we would be unable to thrive ... and we would be fighting to just survive.

I would like to thank the outgoing co-presidents, Judy Pachino and Judy Frankle for their leadership and support over the past two years. I value both your guidance and friendship.

Marlene Siegel, with whom I had the pleasure of working with regarding the Mark G. Loeb Center for Life Long Learning, I wish you much luck and success! I know that I can count on your continued support and leadership.

On behalf of the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School, The Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education and most importantly on behalf of the children of our schools; thank you for everything that you do.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Eyal Bor

## *It is always a good time to join Beth El Sisterhood.*

We are a dynamic group that meets monthly on Mondays for General Meetings and Luncheons often accompanied by entertaining and informative programs. Other activities include cultural trips, a Biblio group, as well as the book reviews which occur twice a year. It is always a treat to have our Clergy, Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Saroken, review books they have chosen in conjunction with the book review committee. Before each review is a petite luncheon.

Biblio, Beth El Sisterhood's book review and discussion group, convenes the second Wednesday of the month in the Kolker room at noon. Some months a timely book is reviewed by a knowledgeable commentator. At other times our participants offer a brief summary of books they have enjoyed. We welcome all to participate in a stimulating and entertaining afternoon. Please bring a kosher, dairy brown-bag lunch; a beverage will be provided. For additional information call Rita Silverman at 410 484-1731 or Barbara Berkowitz at 410 296-8424.

We have a terrific Judaica Shop run by our manager, Barbara Green, who is assisted by volunteers from the Sisterhood. As a Sisterhood member you are showing your support for our synagogue and our schools. We encourage your participation and involvement in Beth El activities.

For more information please call: **Susan Hackerman**, Past President, membership liaison at **410-486-2523**.

### PREVIEW OF SISTERHOOD'S SPRING 2014 TRIPS – REGISTRATION IN DECEMBER

**April 24, 2014 – Brooklyn, New York**  
Guided Tours of the Brooklyn Museum  
and Botanical Gardens

**May 22, 2014 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
Guided Tours of the Japanese and  
Lemonhill Houses

### CULTURAL TRIPS: TRAVELING AND SOCIALIZING



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Rabbi Mark G. Loeb, ז"ל (1944-2009)  
Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman, ז"ל (1926-2008)

*Beth El, a progressive and inclusive congregation affiliated with the Conservative Movement, fulfills the spiritual, educational, and social needs of its members by nurturing religious practices and tradition, Jewish values and Tikkun Olam.*



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Beth El Congregation is proud that our Rabbi Jacob B. Agus, Z"L and our long time member Lee Rosenberg have been selected to join the Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame.

Their contributions to the Baltimore Jewish Community have inspired us and future generations

*Congratulations to all of the 2013 Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame honorees*



**RABBI JACOB B. AGUS, ז"ל**



**LEE ROSENBERG**

*The Families, Board of Trustees, Clergy and Staff of Beth El Congregation*



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Here are a few items of particular High Holiday interest: Apple & Honey sets, shofars, holiday cards, Israeli candles, and candlesticks.



Beth El Orange Blossom Honey makes a fabulous hostess gift.



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

**The Judaica Shop is re-opening on Monday, August 12, for all your Rosh Hashanah, Break Fast and holiday needs.** Shop early for the best selection of

new

and fabulous items!

Don't forget...the first night of

Rosh Hashanah is Wednesday, September 4, right after Labor Day!

Shop hours, effective August 12 are:

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

or by appointment...call Barbara Green, 410-486-4080, or the Beth El office, 410-484-0411.

*Remember the purchases you make support both the synagogue and Beth El schools.*