

# VOICE

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## THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

By Jerry Schnydman

Let me begin by congratulating Steve Silverman on a very successful 2 year term as President of Beth El. Steve, I plan to seek your wise counsel, as well as that of our other past presidents, in the days, weeks and months ahead. It may be that I will need to stand on the shoulders of your predecessor, Ray Kahn, to even try to reach your stature and emulate your accomplishments, but my sincere hope is that you will remain a strength and support for our incoming team of officers, and for many future leadership teams as well.

I am truly humbled by my election as President of Beth El, a Congregation that quite clearly stands at the forefront of modern progressive Conservative Judaism, not just locally, but nationally and internationally as well. What an honor to serve alongside our "Clergy Dream Team," the best combination of Rabbis and Cantor at any synagogue anywhere. Beth El can also boast of outstanding professional administrators and staff and terrific officers and other lay leaders who, as Steve will certainly attest, make the job of President a unique privilege.

One of Beth El's wonderful characteristics is that it is a family, and I hope during the next two years to build on that strength. My goal is that more people will become members, and more members will become involved in the life of our Congregational family. I hope to continue and expand upon the progress that Steve and others before me have made in establishing Beth El's excellence

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Steve Silverman:  
We strive toward one common goal, the current success and future viability of our congregation.



## Time Flies When You're Having Fun

By Steve Silverman

There's an old adage that "time flies when you're having fun." Never has this been truer as I look back on the two years of my presidency. Quite frankly, it feels like I'm just getting used to the demands of the position, but in a few weeks I'll be handing over my gavel to the very competent hands of my dear friend, Jerry Schnydman.

So how do I look back on my administration and what we accomplished? Perhaps the most meaningful part of my office is the incredible friendships that have been forged with my fellow officers and with my Board of Trustees as we strive toward one common goal, the current success and future viability of our congregation. Candidly, that is not an easy task in light of today's trend towards non-affiliation, a decline in the spending of discretionary income, and the overall phenomenon of people moving away from organized religion. Even in the face of those daunting challenges, the leaders of Beth El are determined to weather this storm, adapt to the changing realities of today's world, and ensure that Beth El is here to provide for our congregants for many years to come.

All of my officers, including Immediate Past President, Ray Kahn, met monthly after the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to grapple with and discuss the problems facing a congregation of 1700 member units with a budget of just under \$5 million dollars. Those meetings started at 5:00 p.m. and often continued past 9:00 p.m. I've heard people say that synagogue leadership is a "thankless" job. I couldn't disagree more. I think it is one of the most rewarding ways that a person can spend their time. Just in case the job has literally been "thankless," to my officers Jerry Schnydman, Michael Rubenstein, Ellen Budish, Denise Franz, Hal Hackerman, Dan Neuman and Ray Kahn – I'd like to say THANK YOU.

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**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

Mrs. Bev Cogan on the loss of her beloved husband, William Cogan.  
 Mr. David Dafner on the loss of his beloved mother, Regina Dafner.  
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 Dr. Kenneth Tilles on the loss of his beloved mother, Ida Tilles.  
 Mrs. Vada Walker on the loss of her beloved husband, Roland Walker.

**OUR HEARTIEST HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:**

Mrs. Faye Snyder Adler on the marriage of her son, Josh Siegel to Seth Schermner.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Case on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ashley Nicole Case.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter, Layton Sidney.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jontiff on the engagement of their daughter, Dena to Ian Sandler.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Elsie Bea Katz.  
 Mrs. Ilene Naides on the marriage of her daughter, Rachel to Dan Taylor.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Sacks on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Julia Rose Sacks.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smelkinson on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah Page Smelkinson; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smelkinson.  
 Mrs. Shelly Spector and Dr. Karl Spector on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hannah Joy Spector; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moffet.

**MAY MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES**

Lauren & David Golaner on their 5th  
 Lisa & Aric Spitulnik on their 10th  
 Melissa & Eric West on their 10th  
 Jill & John Kinney, III on their 15th  
 Dori & Robert Blitzstein on their 20th  
 Donna & Shepard Brown on their 20th  
 Diane & Eric Orlinsky on their 20th  
 Margery & Robert Daniels on their 25th  
 Alice & Paul Davis on their 25th  
 Alice & Lloyd Kolman on their 25th  
 Marcella & Samuel Miller on their 25th  
 Ivy & Stephen Sandbank on their 25th  
 Laury & Lewis Scharff on their 25th  
 Christine & Jeffrey Lafferman on their 30th  
 Barbara & David Fivush on their 35th  
 Phyllis & Jeffrey Cramer on their 40th  
 Arlene & Mark Radom on their 40th  
 Marjorie & Roy Deutschman on their 45th  
 Bette & Herbert Dahne on their 60th

**IN MEMORIAM**

**WILLIAM COGAN  
 MARLENE KOEPPPEL**

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).

**BAR & BAT MITZVAH**



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Ashley Nicole Case**, daughter of Susan & David Case will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah Saturday, May 18, 2013 during Havdallah services.



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Julia Rose Sacks**, daughter of Jeffrey & Leslie Sacks will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah June 1, 2013.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Brett Andrew Snyder**, son of Jill and Michael Snyder will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah June 1, 2013.



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Sarah Page Smelkinson**, daughter of Dan & Karla Smelkinson will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah Saturday, June 1, 2013 during Havdallah services.

**SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES**

<b>Morning</b>		<b>Evening</b>	
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

**Healing Service**

**May 25  
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
 Kreitzer Memorial Room**

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.

**Beth El Baby**



**Blake Alexandra Greenberg**

**Parents:  
 Carly and Jeffrey Greenberg**

**Grandparents:  
 Shelley and Neal Cierler**

**Born:  
 November 19, 2012**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Friday, May 3

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
 Candle lighting 7:42 p.m.

### Saturday, May 5

**Parsha of the Week – Behar-Bechukosai**  
 Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 8:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 10

Rosh Chodesh Sivan  
 Morning Service 7:45 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
 Candle lighting 7:49 p.m.

### Saturday, May 11

**Parsha of the Week – Bemidbar**  
 Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 14

**Erev Shavuot**  
 Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 7:30 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting 7:52 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 15

**Shavuot-Day 1**  
 Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, May 16

**Shavuot-Day 2**  
 Morning Service (Yizkor) 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 17

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
 Candle lighting 7:55 p.m.

### Saturday, May 18

**Parsha of the Week – Naso**  
 Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 8:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 24

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
 Candle lighting 8:01 p.m.

### Saturday, May 25

**Parsha of the Week – Beha'alotecha**  
 Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 8:15 p.m.

### Monday, May 27

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

### Friday, May 31

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 7:30 p.m.  
 Candle lighting 8:07 p.m.

## Congregational Family – Continued from page 1

by being proactive in problem-solving while remaining loyal to our Mission. I also plan to be as available to you, our congregants, as possible so that together we can determine how Beth El can best serve your spiritual, intellectual and educational needs, as well as those of the greater community.

Once again, I thank you all for the honor and privilege of serving as the next President of Beth El. I look forward, with God's help and guidance, to the opportunity to work together to strengthen our Congregational family and to move ahead into a bright and successful future.

**The Congregation**  
*is cordially invited to attend the*  
**Adult Bat Mitzvah ceremony**  
*to be held on*  
**Shabbat, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*in the Rubin Sanctuary*

#### Our B'not Mitzvah

Susan Allen  
 Carol Buckner  
 Marcia Katz  
 Arlene Klaff  
 Maxine Kontoff  
 Rita Lehr  
 Carol Parias  
 Ivy Sandbank  
 Irene Snyder  
 Audrey Sperr  
 Jeanne Wachter  
 Bea Yoffee

The Officers and the Board of Trustees of Beth El Congregation  
 cordially request your presence at the  
**Annual Meeting and**  
**Election of Officers and Board of Trustees**  
 Sunday, May 19, 2013

Cantor Thom King and Ms. Becky Mossing will be performing

Morning Services - 9:15 A.M. - Gorn Chapel  
 Hazkarah (Memorial) Services, Breakfast and Meeting  
 10:00-11:30 A.M. - Offit Auditorium

Reservations Required - Babysitting Available for 3 years and older  
 RSVP Deadline is Thursday, May 9, 2013  
 RSVP to [sandi@bethelbalto.com](mailto:sandi@bethelbalto.com)

This meeting is for members of the Congregation only

## SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

**Shabbat, May 11, 2013**

**Honoring Sisterhood  
 Past Presidents  
 and All Mothers Among Us**

We would like the congregation  
 to join us for a wonderful,  
 meaningful Shabbat service  
 and a delicious kiddush.

## ART APPRECIATION DAY

**Monday, May 20**

**W**e at Beth El are blessed to have an extensive collection of ceremonial objects and art adorning every hall way and filling our many glass showcases. On Monday, May 20, New York artist, Fran Medoff and Ritual Director, Sandy Winters will present a program which will focus on selected pieces in Beth El's collection. Participants will learn about their history, techniques and motifs, and how these items fulfill the mitzvah known as "Hiddur Mitzvah," the beautification of a mitzvah.

There will be 2 sessions on that day, 1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reservations are a must so that we will know how to accommodate all who wish to attend. Please make your reservations by calling **Yvonne Pentove** at 410-484-0411 or e-mail at [yvonne@bethelbalto.com](mailto:yvonne@bethelbalto.com). Participation is free.

## SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

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

## Springs Things in the Preschool

**Tuesday, May 7 – Friday, May 10:** Things are blooming in the Preschool Lobby. Flowers and Plants will be available to purchase all week for that special mom, grandmother or just for fun!!!

**Wednesday, May 8:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Transportation Day

**Wednesday, May 14:** The Preschool and Infant/Toddler programs will be closing at 3:00 p.m. for Erev Shavuot. Join Rabbi Cantor for an Erev Shavuot Family Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is free!

**Wednesday, May 15:** Shavuot: The Preschool and Infant/Toddler programs will be closed for the holiday.

**Thursday, May 16:** The Preschool and Infant/Toddler programs will reopen with regular hours.

**Monday, May 27:** Memorial Day: The Preschool and Infant/Toddler Programs will be closed.



*This past March, the T'filoh Team visited residents of Tudor Heights. They entertained them with Purim and Passover Songs.*



### 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** for more information and to arrange a tour of our infant and toddler area.



### M&M Shabbat

**Friday, May 3**  
**Gorn Chapel,**  
**5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

Rabbi Saroken and Cantor King will conduct the service together. Afterwards the *oneg* will be held in the Schapiro Auditorium. We will be serving *challah*, grape juice, and sweet treats.

### Tot Shabbat

**Shabbat, May 4**  
**Shabbat, May 18**  
**Kreitzer Memorial Room,**  
**11:15 a.m.**

Bring your tot to a Tot Shabbat service at Beth El to meet new families, to enjoy songs, stories and kiddush afterwards! Contact **Becky Gordon**, **sbgordoninc@verizon.net**.



### AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**  
(When classes are held in the evening, the library is open from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m..)  
**Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
**Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

If you wish to donate books to the Agus Library, please contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844.

**Because of the limited space, please do not bring books to Beth El until you have spoken to Marlene Siegel.**

## HONORING THOSE WE LOVE & ADMIRE

**T**hirteen years ago, with the help of Alan Dorenfeld and Dr. Eyal Bor, Becky Gordon established the Joan and Morton Baylin Memorial Teacher's Excellence Award. This enabled her to do three things:

- To fulfill the mitzvah of honoring her parents, Joan and Morton Baylin, ז"ל, who were excellent parents and role models.
- To thank friends at Beth El for the comfort, kindness, and support they provided after her mother's death
- to publicly recognize and honor teachers whose creativity, dedication and professionalism benefits not only their students, but also helps secure the future of Judaism

It is Becky's pleasure to know that each year two teachers, one from the religious school and one from the preschool, will be honored and awarded an honorarium in the presence of their students and parents. This annual award clearly acknowledges that Beth El Congregation holds its educators in high esteem.

We would like to honor the following two teachers with the Baylin Award:

### SHELLEY SEIDMAN

Shelley Seidman has long been the first face seen every morning and frequently the last face seen every afternoon. Her cheery greeting each day welcomes parents and children to the preschool. Shelley's mild and loving manner soothes even the most difficult separations. However, Shelley is much more than our "Early Arrival Greeter". For over 20 years, she has been an extraordinary teacher at Beth El. Shelly's passion for reading and literature is obvious as she observes the children developing their beginning reading skills. She is always warm, caring and supportive of each and every child.

Shelley loves Beth El almost as much as she loves the children. She is always the first to volunteer for congregational programs, such as the Purim Carnival and our Hanukkah Celebration. Her husband, Gary, is always there to support her by working right beside her at these programs. Shelley is the epitome of the teacher every director, parent, co-teacher and child wants.

### MIA CORVILLA

Dr. Eyal Bor says, "I have much respect for Mia's teaching. She is a pleasant, engaging, and creative teacher." During the day Mia teaches kindergarten in the public school system; her specialty is special education. With her compassion, gentleness and patience, Mia is able to reach students by implementing programs that meet each child's learning style. When Mia is teaching at Beth El, she incorporates all of these attributes with her innate creativity as she works with her Aleph class (2nd graders) and the students love her. The parents do, too. Mia communicates with the parents through emails, class newsletters and phone calls. She is acknowledged as a team player and a supportive colleague to her peers.

According to Jill Eisen, "Mia's teaching serves as a role model for other teachers. The students and I love seeing her and her son, Jared at Beth El for Shabbat services and holiday celebrations. Mia greets everyone with a smile. In fact, I have never seen Mia without a smile."

These two women have made outstanding contributions to our school programs and our students. We are appreciative to Becky Gordon for providing us each year with the means to recognize teachers who work so diligently to educate our students and enhance the school's programs.

## 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.**

## 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

## 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** for more information.*



## BETH EL LEGACY SOCIETY

Beth El Legacy Society welcomes its newest members:

**Frederick and Evelyn\* Greenberg  
Ruth Holtzman\***

*\*deceased*

Contact **Ailene Sher** at **410-580-5159** or **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.

## Project W.A.V.E

*Warming Ailing Veterans Everywhere*

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 walkers 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**.



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To pledge call Ailene Sher at 410.580.5159 or email ailene@bethelbalto.com.*

## WATER, THE NEW OIL

By Merle Setren

From her first words, Ellen Rosenberg (a JNF board member), captivated more than 50 Beth El congregants with her passion, perspectives, anecdotes, and information. "Israel's innovations in water and agriculture are no less than miraculous", she said at the March "Blue and White Pride" lecture. Paraphrasing Ben Gurion, Ellen summed up Israel's approach to seemingly insurmountable challenges: "If it's difficult, we do it easily. If it's impossible, that takes us a little longer". Certainly making a desert bloom and getting water from a proverbial stone fall into those two categories.

Ellen used maps effectively to pin-point specific regional innovations. She mentioned an extraordinary irony that although the arid Negev receives less than one inch of rain per year, it produces more than 60 percent of Israel's produce and flowers. Israel has accomplished that staggering capability through 21st century innovations in drip irrigation, in the treatment of raw sewage, with a crude system of rain collectors, and in continued research and development. In the more heavily populated north, Israel creates potable water through desalinization, removing salt from salt water.

The expanse of Ellen's knowledge on the topic included some fascinating information on the creation of the JNF. She referred to JNF's identity with planting trees in Israel, and traced that back to the Fifth Zionist Congress in Basle, 1901. At the time, the Ottoman Empire ruled Palestine. In accordance with Ottoman law, to legally own land, one had to pay for it and then occupy it. Planting a tree on purchased land satisfied the requirement and complied with the law. Of course, JNF trees have made a desert bloom and continue to improve the environment. However, those were not the historic reasons for the creation of JNF's tree planting program.

Unselfishly, Israel shares its incredible innovations with the world. JNF supports programs that include bringing foreign workers to Israel for training in modern agricultural methods. Hopefully, those workers return to their countries full of transformative knowledge and a new found love of Israel. Certainly, everyone who attended the program felt BLUE AND WHITE PRIDE.

## IT IS RAEELY TRUE



### Chardonnay ... origins in ancient Israel?

The quintessentially French Chardonnay, it turns out, originated from ancient Israel, according to the co-founder of Gyaot Winery in Israel. The Crusaders wanted to bring a piece of the 'Holy Land' back home with them, so they took the grape and planted it in France. A spokesperson for the vineyard says that chardonnay is actually taken from two Hebrew words meaning 'gate of God' (the latter as in 'adonai').

### The brain-bone connection ...

Researchers at Hebrew University have traced a heretofore unknown neural brain-to-bone pathway that could have major implications for the future treatment of skeletal nerve disorders. Though very little is known about this area of science, they believe this pathway controls adolescent bone density and skeletal strength and resistance to fracture.

### Tele-vangelizing in 'The Holy Land' ...

It's one thing for evangelical Christians to show their fervid support for Israel. It's quite another for them to tell Jews to convert in time for the Second Coming. Two of the world's Christian blockbusting broadcasters have opened studios in Jerusalem to proselytize. Daystar Broadcasting of Texas streams real-time views of the Mount of Olives, believing as some Christians do that that is where Christ will re-emerge. Trinity Broadcasting of California says they're preparing programming in Hebrew. According to the local media, some or many Jews are highly offended.



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## Twenty-Eight Beth El Delegates Have a Voice

To go to the AIPAC Policy Conference was a privilege! This year Beth El had 28 delegates who went to Washington to educate themselves about all of the issues surrounding the security of Israel, and to show support for the American-Israel alliance. It is very clear that these security issues are facing ALL Americans.

AIPAC'S membership is comprised of all races, religions, and political persuasion. AIPAC'S mission is simple: KEEP ISRAEL SAFE AND SECURE. By establishing and strengthening close ties with members of Congress, we are able to educate them on the importance of supporting our only friend and ally in a tumultuous region. AIPAC is BIPARTISAN. It doesn't matter if you are a Democrat or a Republican- it only matters that you are pro-Israel.

The legislation that AIPAC activists lobbied on this year were: The Nuclear Iran Prevention Act, The United States - Israel Strategic Alliance and Security Act of 2013, and to support keeping the aid to Israel of 3.1 billion dollars in security assistance as well as the 211 million dollars of additional funding promised for Iron Dome, despite the economic environment. These three issues are important to all of us no matter which side of the political spectrum we favor. Why? Because the chaos in this region has left Israel with grave challenges. A safe and secure Israel is a safer and more secure America.

All Jews have clearly seen the cost of being passive as we look back throughout our history. AIPAC provides the structure and the forum for having a voice, a voice that we did not have in the 30's and 40's. This year all 535 men and women of the Congress heard the voices of over 12,000 people from ALL walks of life, including close to 2,000 students, students who are the hope for the continuance of a powerful Jewish voice.

We were honored to take part in this truly empowering and important experience. We hope that next year many new congregants will join us.

Gail and Michael Brooks  
 Susan and Gary Talles

## Baltimore Zionist District Humanitarian Award

The Baltimore Zionist District (BZD) will present Beth El members, Debra Silberman Weinberg and Joe Weinberg with the prestigious Humanitarian Award at the 68th Brandeis Gala, Experience Israel, on **Tuesday evening, May 7** at the Pikesville Armory.

Debra explains, "My first visit to Israel on a BZD teen trip had a permanent impact, deepening my sense of responsibility for our cousins choosing to live in the 'land' and strengthening my connection to Jewish peoplehood. Joe and I are pleased to honor the memory of my father, Gene Silberman, and our family's ongoing commitment to the State of Israel."

Sandra Silberman, Debra's mother, and her sisters Amy Blow, Susan Liebeskind and Joy Solomon will serve as honorary co-chairs. Randi Eisenberg and Beth El member, Robert Slatkin are co-chairs of the evening.

Plan to honor Debra and Joe by attending this festive, unique evening. Celebrate Yom Yerushalayim, and enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of Israel.

Also at the event, Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice Chairman of the Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations will be presented with the Justice Louis D. Brandeis Award.

The Baltimore Zionist District nurtures the bonds between our local community and Israel through Zionist educational programs for the community, created by our Shaliach, advocacy activities, and Israel engagement, including our Ultimate Summer Israel Experience for teens.

For additional information, call the **BZD office, 410-484-4510**.

**MAZEL TOV** to our members **Debra Silberman Weinberg and Joe Weinberg!** They are the **2013 Humanitarian Award Recipients** at the **68th Brandeis Gala of the Baltimore Zionist District**. This well-deserved award reflects on the work that Debs and Joe have done over the years to make our community a better place for all people. The event takes place this year on **Yom Yerushalayim, Tuesday evening May 7**. Join Debs and Joe, and BZD, for a wonderful evening. You can find more information at [www.bzdIsrael.org](http://www.bzdIsrael.org).

—Rabbi Steven Schwartz



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## PERFORMING TIKUN OLAM

I am volunteering at Hampden Elementary school in Baltimore City. Many of these students do not have a computer at home. As a result, they must go to a library anytime they need to type a paper. Many of us have old computers at home just collecting dust. I am requesting that these WORKING computers be donated to these deserving kids. I will accept any used WORKING computer. These machines will be refurbished and have all information erased. In addition, I am willing to pick up these machines at your home or office. If you have any usable machines or have any questions, please email me at Bob.Jandorf@GMail.com.

Thank you,  
Robert I. Jandorf

If you are involved in a Tikun Olam project and would like to share with the Beth El family email **Amanda Freed** at **Amanda@bethelbalto.com**.



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## 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 col-

lection 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.



### Chadds Ford and the Hagley Museum:

**Tuesday, 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 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.



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

**Registration will open on Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration forms will be on Beth El's website**

**[bethelbalto.com](http://bethelbalto.com) or at the receptionist desk at Beth El.**

**If you have any questions contact Janet Penn (410-484-5702), Beverly Penn (410-486-2667) or Marlene Siegel (410-484-1844)**

# SENIORS



## JUNE MEETING

The Beth El Seniors will be holding their June dinner meeting on **Sunday, June 9** at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. The cost for the evening is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. Our entertainment for the evening will be saxophonist, Earl Rosenberg. This is the first time he will be performing for the Beth El Seniors. He will regale us with his music. **Reservations and payments are due no later than Tuesday, May 28, 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.**

## SPECIAL B'NAI MITZVAH

Beth El Seniors wishes a mazel tov to our very own members who will be celebrating their B'nai Mitzvah as part of the Adult Bat Mitzvah class at Beth El on **Shabbat morning, May 18, 2013.** We are very proud of **Irene Snyder, Maxine Kontoff, Audrey Sperr, and Susan Allen.**

## SENIOR SHABBAT

Beth El Senior Shabbat will be on **Shabbat morning, June 22, 2013.** Please put this date on your calendar and join us at Beth El that morning. If you are a member of the Beth El Seniors and have not yet signed up to participate, contact **Barbara Berkowitz at 410-296-8424** as soon as possible.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Beth El Seniors is always welcoming new members ages 50 and older to join our active organization. Dues are only \$15 per year and our dinner meetings which include enjoyable entertainment each month cost \$20. 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.*



The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Life Long Learning is proud to present the following programming. Call Ellen Marks at 410-580-5166 for more information.

- **JEWISH RENAISSANCE IN POLAND, MAY 1, 7:00 p.m.,** Meet Joanna Auron-Gorska, a resident of Bialystock, Poland. This talented artist, photographer and researcher will discuss the "re-birth" of Jewish life in contemporary Poland.
- **Yours, Mine and Ours: A Jewish/Christian Conversation** with Dr. Rosann Catalano and the Beth El Rabbis – session 2 now through May 29 on Wednesday mornings, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Agus Library-registration and fee
- **Shavuot: Thirsting For God:** What We Can Expect When We Find God, How We Can Endure When We Can't, And How Jews Throughout the Ages Have Endured the Search - with Rabbi Dana Saroken; Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Outcome of the Israeli Elections** – Domestic and international Dr. Robert O. Freedman will discuss this important topic on Friday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 18

For more information contact **Ellen Marks at 410-484-0411** or email [ellenm@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ellenm@bethelbalto.com)



## JEWISH WAR VETERANS, POST 888, NEEDS OUR HELP!

**Every year new flags are placed on the graves of our Jewish War Veterans prior to Memorial Day.**

Barry Steelman, Beth El congregant and Jewish War Veteran, coordinates this project annually and has again requested our help to assist the aging veterans.

Please join us in putting out American flags this year at a number of Jewish cemeteries located along Windsor Mill Road, Rogers Avenue, and Liberty Road.

**Date: Sunday, May 19**  
**Time: 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for members and their families to participate in a mitzvah project together, while honoring our deceased Veterans.

If you wish to volunteer to help us or for more information, please contact **Barry Steelman directly at 410 486-0023, 443 831-7384 (cell) or at barshe71@aol.com.** Participants will meet in the Back Beth El Parking Lot in front of the school building.

Additionally **JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 888 is SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** IF YOU ARE A JEWISH VETERAN OF ANY MILITARY SERVICE, you are eligible for membership. Please forward your name and contact information to Barry Steelman at [barshe71@aol.com](mailto:barshe71@aol.com) or call him at the above phone numbers for more information.

## Pole by Birth, Jew by Choice

It is only 73 miles from Treblinka to Bialystok, a city which prior to the Second World War was a commercial and cultural metropolis, 70% Jewish. Almost all of Bialystok's more than 200,000 Jews were killed in the Nazi invasion in 1942. **Joanna Auron-Gorska**, Ph. D., a native of Bialystok, who will speak at Beth El on May 1, 2013, was not born until a generation and a half later. By that time the Russian occupation of Poland had erased all but the barest traces of her ancestry on her father's side. She, nevertheless, felt that her unknown ancestors were Jewish and she was determined to find out.

Today Dr. Auron-Gorska, a well-known artist in Poland has a Ph. D. in multi-cultural studies, an M.A. in Jewish/Christian relations, another M.A. in English philology and a *summa cum laude* Bachelor's Degree in teaching. She is also a Jew by Choice!

Known in Poland for her illustrated lectures on the Holocaust and its aftermath, Dr. Auron-Gorska, for years traveled four hours by bus on Friday to attend Shabbat services in Warsaw, and four hours home on Saturday night. She will tell us how difficult it is to be an observant Jew in Poland today, and why she founded Beit Bialystok in what she calls "a city full of ghosts" so that she can bring being Jewish "out of its hiding space: so that the "Invisible Jews" of Bialystok, and half-Jews, and quarter-Jews can have a place to study and learn and worship. This is her goal for herself, but also for her five year old daughter, that she, unlike her mother, will not need to live a life of unknowing.



Joanna Auron-Gorska will speak on May 1.

Dr. Auron-Gorska is a scholar who will show photographic slides of old Jewish places in the Bialystok that she has filled with new life by artistic renderings of contemporary painted in people...a monument to what once was, but also a monument of hope for the future. She will also speak of her personal journey of being lost and then of becoming who she somehow knew that she always was.

Many have heard of Jewish renewal in Poland, of the Jewish museum in Warsaw illustrating what was once Jewish life there, and also of festivals in Krakov. Few have heard what it is really like to try to live a Jewish life in modern Poland. Dr. Auron-Gorska quotes statistics indicating there are between six and twelve thousand people who belong to Jewish organizations in Poland now, but adds that the rabbis of Beit Warszawa claim that there are between fifty and sixty thousand living Poles with Jewish ancestry.

A riveting lecturer, Dr. Auron-Gorska, who speaks of this, once answered the question of why living as a Jew in Poland is difficult. She said that it is difficult to live from a tradition you learn from a book, without a community...that there are legal and halachic issues between the existing few communities that have to be resolved, and there is a fear of ostracism: of social death.

On May 1 you can come to Beth El and hear Dr. Auron-Gorska tell her story and the story of why she sacrifices her time and effort to be at the forefront of living progressive Judaism in Poland. She will also illustrate with reliable data the tale of her city, and why it is important not only to honor the past, but also the importance of building viable Jewish communities in Modern Poland.

Note: Dr. Joanna Auron-Gorska attended services at Beth El during the High Holidays 2012 and her formal conversion took place at Beth El between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. **Come to hear her lecture and to meet and greet this fascinating mother, scholar and founder of Beit Bialystok on May 1 at 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the community.**

Lee Joyce Richmond Ph.D., Director, School Counseling Program  
Loyola University Maryland

## GREEN GARDENING:

Tips and Ideas On How to Go Green in the Garden:

- \* Compost kitchen scraps indoors, then transfer them to a larger composter outside, which can also handle yard waste.
- \* Water sparingly and on target with drip systems, soaker hoses or sprinklers that have multiple settings, so the water doesn't spray the sidewalk, side of the house, etc.
- \* Water in the morning or late evening when it will have time to soak in and not evaporate too quickly as it would in the midday heat.
- \* Plant native grasses as they are comfortable in their indigenous environment and require less water and maintenance.
- \* Collect water with a rain barrel, then reuse the water sparingly to hydrate plants.
- \* Plant flowers that attract bumblebees, birds, or butterflies to the garden, as they naturally keep insects at bay and/or help pollinate and propagate the garden.

GO GREEN!

## TIKUN OLAM PROJECT FOR PASSOVER

By Susan Hackerman

This year Ellen Budish put together a Tikun Olam Project for Passover. With the help of Tracey Paliath, Ellen was able to adopt four families who were in need of food for their Passover holiday.

Thanks to the following for their contributions and support with this project: Social Action Committee, Seniors, Sisterhood, Pauline Mash for Early Childhood Education, and a number of Beth El members.

With all of the contributions we were able to fill ten laundry baskets of Passover products for eight group homes, doubling our original goal. Each received a turkey along with other items to celebrate the Passover holiday week. What a mitzvah!

Also a big thank you goes to Ellen Budish, Leslie Papel and Susan Hackerman for collecting, sorting and delivering the Passover baskets.



## 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.

**SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION  
MEETING & LUNCHEON**

**MONDAY, MAY 13  
11:30 a.m. in the Offit Auditorium**

Cantor Thom King will present a program of Jewish, Broadway, popular and classical songs for Sisterhood's closing general meeting.

We regret we are unable to seat walk-ins for lunch. All are welcome to attend the program.

For more information contact **Linda Mondell at 410-486-1542 or email lhmondell@gmail.com or Judy Schwartz at 410-653-9253 or email jmaysch@comcast.net.**



The Torah Fund Campaign is moving quickly towards fulfilling its goals. We now have 36 Benefactors who donated \$180.00. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Contributions of \$18.00 or more will receive six beautiful occasion cards. Individual cards can be bought for \$4.00 each.

Please contact **Jane Krosin, 410-484-4218 or Hilda Dopkin, 410-486-4453** for more information and cards.

**BIBLIO**

On **Wednesday, May 8**, at noon in the Kolker Room, Sisterhood's book club and discussion group will host Jane Krosin. Those of you who heard Jane's superb and incisive review last season of *The Dove Keepers* will surely want to participate. Jane's new review, *The City of Women* by David Gillham highlights those years of darkness and destruction and yet there was a faint, but steady flicker of morality. Our meetings are open to all, please join us.

BIBLIO'S closing luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, June 12**. Our own Sandy Winters and Paula Gallagher from the Pikesville Library will be featured. Look for additional details in the next issue. For more information call **Barbara Berkowitz [410-296-8424]** or **Rita Silverman [410-484-1731]**.

**The Federation of Jewish Women's  
Organizations of Maryland  
97th Annual Convention**

Date: **Thursday, May 2, 2013**  
Time: **9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
Location: **Temple Oheb Shalom**

Program:  
**"Strong Women, Know Them,  
Raise Them, BE THEM"**  
Panel Discussion

Each organization selects an honoree. Sisterhood's honoree for this year is **Barbara Berkowitz**.

**Unique Boutique Has Arrived!**

**May 5 & 6**

As of March this is a list of vendors; but by the time you read this article, other vendors will have been added. Note the asterisks which indicate new vendors.

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| Accessories by Bonnie | belts, handbags, scarves                                     |
| Bornfriend Woodworks  | wooden pens, wine stoppers                                   |
| *Coco Blanca          | accessories, jewelry, clothing, linens, gifts                |
| DG Designs            | hand crafted jewelry, pens, serving utensils                 |
| *Dog-On Creations     | original whimsical art of dogs and cats                      |
| *Ellen Allen          | gifts, purses, ties, scarves                                 |
| *Fabrics for Fun      | custom pillows, gifts  |
| Faye Mendelsohn       |  |
| Cosmetics             | cosmetics and skin care                                      |
| *Flavours             | fashion accessories, scarves, belts, etc                     |
| Flower Farm           | spring planting  |
| Gift District         | gift items for home, t'weens, and women                      |
| Glam Girls            | designer style jewelry and accessories                       |
| *Harlow Originals     | personalized gifts   |
| *Hip Klips            | cell phone and money holders                                 |
| *Israeli Harvest      | Israeli oils, olives, foods                                  |
| Jerusalem Products    | jewelry made in Israel                                       |
| Judaic Shop           | gifts for the Jewish home                                    |
| Kids Stop             | creative children's toys for learning and fun                |
| La Cigale             | French provincial linens                                     |
| Magic Bubble Shirt    | clothing for travel and home                                 |
| *Mazel Mosaics        | mosaic creations for the Jewish home                         |
| Meshuga Shirts        | tee shirts with a Hebrew flavor                              |
| *Metal Aesthetics     | handcrafted metal clocks and jewelry                         |
| *Mili Designs         | note cards   |
| Octavia               | upscale women's clothing and accessories                     |
| *Pursenality          | vintage original purses                                      |
| *Style Ride Boutique  | clothing, belt buckles, and accessories                      |
| Swirl                 | beaded serving utensils, gift ware                           |
| The Jewelry Lady      | high-fashion jewelry   |
| *Yatra                | tonics, scarves, jewelry from by high-end artists from India |

*\*New Vendors for 2013*

The Unique Boutique Cafe will be serving lunch to shoppers on both days. Throughout the two days, raffle tickets may be purchased and merchandise and services will be given away to the lucky winners. In order to allow mothers to shop in a relaxed manner, there will be babysitting available on Sunday between the hours of 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to have fun with an arts and crafts project while moms are shopping. Remember that not all vendors take credit cards, so be sure to bring your checkbook. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun filled Unique Boutique experience.

Sonia Obstler and Helen Bronstein  
Co-chairmen



# THE TRADITION OF SHAVUOT

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

One of the questions I am most often asked in the course of the year is “why do we traditionally eat dairy dishes on the festival of Shavuot?” After all, it seems like for every other holiday we prepare a fine meal of brisket and potatoes, or sometimes turkey. Even our weekly Shabbat dinners, more often than not consist of meat, most commonly chicken. So why this sudden shift to dairy food for this late spring, early summer festival of Shavuot?

There are a number of different reasons given for this practice by the traditional commentators, and they all connect to the idea that Shavuot is a commemoration of “Ma’amad Har Sinai,” the moment at Sinai when our ancestors received the Torah from God. The first reason comes from a verse in the Song of Songs, that wonderful love poem that somehow made its way into our Bible. In the fourth chapter of that book we read “Honey and milk shall be under your tongue,” and the verse is often understood as referring to Torah. In other words, the Torah should be as sweet and pleasant to our ears as milk and honey are to our tongues. Therefore on the night when we remember the giving of the Torah, we eat sweet dairy foods to embody this idea.

There is also a semi-halachic (legal) reason that is given to explain the tradition of dairy food and Shavuot. When the Israelites came to Mt. Sinai they knew they were about to receive the “law” and that it would include rules and regulations about eating. Since dairy is always a less complicated kashrut issue than meat, the Israelites decided they would wait to eat meat until they had time to fully digest (pun intended) the dietary laws. That way, if they made a mistake while eating dairy, it wouldn’t be so bad.

One last reason has to do with the custom of staying up late (or even all night long) on Shavuot eve and studying Torah. This long established practice came about originally in connection with the Midrash’s description of the giving of the Torah. As the story goes, on the morning of the day when the Israelites expected to receive the Torah they over slept. We all know what that feels like. We suddenly jump up in our beds realizing that something is not right - our expected alarm clock didn’t go off! Instead of being awake at six with plenty of time to get ready, here it is already seven-thirty. What happens? We rush about madly trying to get dressed and ready for an important appointment or meeting. After all, what appointment or meeting could be more important than the occasion of the bestowing of the Torah?

So by staying up all night, we are in essence correcting our ancestor’s mistake. They might have slept too late, but if we don’t go to sleep at all, we will certainly be ready when the special moment arrives (albeit tired!). But who could stay up all night after eating a heavy meal of brisket or turkey? Hence the tradition of lighter dairy fare on this holiday. Besides, what goes better with a little cheesecake than a cup of coffee?

This legend of our ancestors oversleeping is also connected to the name of the evening of Shavuot itself, Tikun Leil Shavuot, which literally translated would mean the “fixing of Shavuot night.” By staying up all night, we are “fixing” the mistake our ancestors made by sleeping in so many years ago. Each year we have the opportunity to again demonstrate that we are ready and willing to receive the Torah into our lives.

**Join us this year as we reaffirm that commitment yet again. Chag sameich!**

## Shavuot Schedule

### Tuesday, May 14, 5th Sivan

**Erev Shavuot**

Evening Services are at 7:30 p.m. in the Gorn Chapel

New Members will be recognized

8:00 p.m. First Study Session in the Gorn Chapel

8:45p.m. Reception in the Offit Auditorium

9:15 p.m. Second Study Session Gorn Chapel

### Wednesday, May 15, 6th Sivan

**1st Day of Shavuot**

10:00 a.m. Services in the Rubin Sanctuary (Day School Students will be Honored with an Aliyah for the 10 Commandments)

6:00 p.m. Evening Services in the Gorn Chapel

### Thursday, May 16, 7th Sivan

**2nd Day Shavuot**

10:00 a.m. Services in the Rubin Sanctuary Yizkor

10:30 a.m. Pre School with be honored and will get the First Aliyah

7:30 p.m. Evening Services in the Gorn Chapel

## 50-SOMETHING?

**A**re you about 50? Have you recently become an “empty nester”? Or maybe you’ve just found yourself in a new or different phase of life and are looking to put some fun events with great people on your calendar?

Recently a dynamic group of people came together to begin to imagine what a 50-something’s group would look like and the ideas came pouring out. From wine, beer, and scotch tastings, dance classes, cook offs, white water rafting, to Broadway shows, book clubs, a Shabbat getaway to Torah studies, and the list goes on and on.

Join us for our next meeting Monday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kolker Room. For more information or if you have any questions contact **Joan Grayson Cohen** at [joancohen@gmail.com](mailto:joancohen@gmail.com).

*We would love to have you join us!*



### Attention: Maryland Citizens!

**An Exciting Public Engagement Project,  
“Too Many Patients, Too Few Resources,”  
Is Coming Soon to Your Area.**

**We want to hear your views on allocating scarce medical resources during disasters.**

*WHEN: Sunday, May 5, 2013 – 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM*

*WHERE: Beth El Congregation, Schapiro Auditorium,  
8101 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21208*

**Participation is voluntary and all responses will be confidential.**

**If selected to participate, you will receive a \$100 gift card for attending.**

You may apply to participate at: <http://www.resolve.org/site-communityforum/pikesville/>

If you have questions about this community meeting and research study, please contact the study coordinator, Chrissie Juliano at 202-965-6218.

If you do not have access to the internet and want to register, please contact Penny Pearce at 410-502-6122.

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**MAY 5 & 6**

# UNIQUE BOUTIQUE ARRIVES IN MAY

After months of planning, Unique Boutique has finally arrived. We look forward to welcoming all our shoppers on **Sunday, May 5 and Monday, May 6**. This year you will find advertisements in Smart Shopper and ValPac in the mail. If you bring a coupon from either mailing, you will be eligible to win a \$100 cash door prize. Now is the time to shop for yourself or to buy gifts for spring occasions. Flowers will be on sale for your spring planting needs, as well as, for Mother's Day gifts. We are thrilled to welcome many new vendors as well as many of your favorites who will be returning. See page 12 for list of vendors.



Don't forget to visit the Judaica Shop  
 for all your springtime needs!

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12.**

Check out our beautiful gifts for Moms of all ages.

Remember us for our fabulous selection of talitot and gifts for showers, weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and other occasions!



**Store Hours:**

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.  
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