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Courage & Miracles

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

The story of Hanukkah is really two stories, one a tale of human courage, strength, resistance, resilience, and the human determination to push back the darkness and bring light into the world. And that is the story of the Maccabees, a group of Jews who lived more than a thousand years ago at a time when their homeland, the land of Israel, was controlled by a foreign power. The Maccabees by and large were a rag tag band of rebels, and they were standing against what at the time was the greatest power in the world. It was the weak against the strong, the few fighting against the many, but the few were fighting for their own country, for their own families, and for

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their faith, their freedom, and in the end it was the immeasurable quality of the human spirit that prevailed. The Jews regained control of their homeland and their destiny. And during the darkest time of the year, when night falls, we light the menorah as a way of remembering their courage and the gifts that they gave us with which we are blessed to this day.

The other story of Hanukkah is the story of a miracle. When the Maccabees recaptured the sacred city of Jerusalem they went to the ancient Temple, the center of their religious lives, that had been desecrated. They worked day and night so that the Temple would once again be ready to receive God's presence, so that it would once again be a place of holiness, and all was made ready. But there was one detail, one small but crucial thing that was missing. The special oil that was required for the lighting of the Temple menorah. They searched and searched, and finally they found one cruse of the oil, but it was only

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ACHSHAV: NEW TEEN INITIATIVE

By Rabbi Faith Cantor

Empathy, Restraint, Loyalty, Responsibility, Integrity, and Laughter... The laughter was loud and boisterous at the first dinner of the Achshav Leadership Training Initiative, a joint program between Beth El Congregation and Chizuk Amuno. Students in 8th and 9th grade partnered with friends to identify Jewish leaders with the winners being sweetly rewarded with chocolate! Thirty plus teenagers were hosted at Chizuk Amuno for the opening program of a two year long leadership initiative. Project Ascent, led by Avi Gross, helped the students get to know one another through games and challenges. By the end of the night, everyone knew everyone's name and were looking forward to getting together again for more challenging and zany activities.

Achshav is the first time that Chizuk Amuno and Beth El have joined together to implement teen programming. The program focuses on leadership, with participants being asked to explore their own identities, and develop tools that will make them leaders in the Jewish community. These amazing inaugural 8th and 9th graders will meet three times a month, studying and applying leadership skills within a Jewish context. Film, music, television, special guests, and text study are just a few of the ways that participants are going to learn how to analyze leadership skills and implement them in their own lives. Achshav participants will also develop their own social action project utilizing their emerging leadership skills.



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Perhaps the most exciting part of Achshav is that next December we will be boarding a plane together for a 10 day leadership mission to Israel. Not only will we have the chance to tour Israel, we will be exploring leadership through a uniquely Israeli perspective and taking part in social action activities. When we return home, Achshav participants will be returning to their religious schools and serving as *dugmaot* (role models) as they teach the next generation.

There is still space available if you would like to be a part of project Achshav this year. Please be in touch with Rabbi Cantor for more details, 410-484-0411 or faith@bethelbalto.com.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE MIKVEH

By Rabbi Dana Saroken

One of my favorite moments in the Tanach comes in the Book of Judges, when Deborah, (the Judge and Prophetess) was sitting under her palm tree issuing judgments for her People when she summoned for Barak. He went to her (as any wise man would do) and she insisted that he take 10,000 men and wage a war against Sisera and his army. "I will deliver Sisera to you!" she promises. Barak responds in a somewhat surprising way (for a warrior): "If you will go with me then I will go, but if you won't, then I won't." (Hmmm...) So Deborah then explains to the reluctant leader, "Sure, I will go with you, Barak, but if I do... the honor won't be yours... [everyone will say] that God has delivered Sisera into the hands of a woman." Meaning: If I go with you, as you insist, people will credit me with the victory even if we wage this war together.

I share this snapshot with you this month,

because the interaction between Deborah and Barak constantly reminds me of the importance of making sure that credit goes where it belongs. This month, I want to pay tribute to the incredible team of partners that made our mikveh project possible – the team who took us to the mountain and helped us emerge victorious.

There's a certain amount of courage needed to take on any new project. When we started, way back when, I needed to make sure that the vision that I had to renovate our mikveh and to broaden the scope of its use was a vision that others would share. I called together a mikveh task force of the following women:

Debbie Abrams, Jill Baldinger, Jennifer Grossman, Dale Kahn, Jane Krosin, Alice Levin, Susie Mann, Lisi Nigrin, Beverly Penn, Elise Rubenstein, and Marlene Siegel.

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Estelle Balachow on the loss of her beloved brother, David Silver.
 Dr. Michael Blum on the loss of his beloved father, Alvin Blum.
 Dr. Howard Hauptman on the loss of his beloved mother Mildred Hauptman.
 Mr. Alan Pasarew on the loss of his beloved sister, Lois Pasarew.
 Mrs. Miriam "Mimi" Resnick and Mrs. Toby Goodman on the loss of their beloved father, Jerome Hertzbach.
 Mrs. Stephanie Sherman on the loss of her beloved husband, Sheldon Sherman.
 Mrs. Jane Siegel on the loss of her beloved father, Stanley Charles Rosenstock.
 Mrs. Gina Smith of the loss of her beloved mother, Evelyn MacDonald.
 Mr. Michael Steinhardt on the loss of his beloved father, Gunther Steinhardt.

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Berman on the marriage of their son Michael Kevin Berman to Alison Rose Pecukonis; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Berman and Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Weinstein, great grandmother is Hilda Rudo.
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engel on the birth of their grandsons, Isaac and Ethan Engel.
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Frankel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David Mirensky Frankel.
 Mrs. Alyson Friedman and Mr. Andrew Meister on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua Bradley Meister; grandmother is Barbara Offit Lichtenberg and grandfather is Eddie Lichtenberg.
 Ms. Lisa Cooper and Mr. Mark Cooper on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Dylan Alexander Cooper; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cooper.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilston Hutzler on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Henry Nathan Hutzler; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Berkowitz.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kahn on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emily Rose Kahn; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Berkowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Kahn.
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Renbaum on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David Renbaum; grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Schlossberg.
 Mrs. Ellie Spind on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Matthew Art Spind.
 Drs. Debbie and Jay Weiner on the birth of their daughter, Jenna Elise Weiner; grandparents are Mrs. Emelie Schwab and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weiner.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

Miriam & Lewis Penn on their 65th
 Sheila & Gilbert Kramer on their 45th
 Myra & Burton Gold on their 55th
 Donna & Marvin Marks on their 20th
 Rita & Louis Michaelson on their 50th
 Gloria & Ira Luchinsky on their 5th
 Adele & Paul Meritt on their 30th
 Helene & Randall Lutz on their 25th
 Fraeda & Elliot Lewis on their 25th
 Beverly & Leonard Baylin on their 35th
 Carolyn & Kenneth Meltzer on their 25th
 Deborah & Jeffrey Smelkinson on their 15th
 Caryn & Michael Richman on their 10th
 Jennifer & Richard Berman on their 25th
 Allyson & Keith Simon on their 10th
 Irina & Jeffry Goldsmith on their 15th

HOTLINES

Service Schedules: **410-580-2727**
 Congregation Closings & Program Changes: **410-580-5080**
 Early Childhood Education Closings & Program Changes: **410-580-5081**
 Religious School Closings & Program Changes: **410-580-5082**

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 & Legal Holidays	5:30 p.m.

*Check website or call 410-580-2727

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAR MITZVAH

David Mirensky Frankel, son of Yelena and Michael Frankel will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah November 16, 2013.



BAR MITZVAH

Joshua Bradley Meister, son of Alyson Friedman and Andrew Meister will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah November 16, 2013.



BAR MITZVAH

Dylan Cooper, son of Lisa Paul Cooper and Mark Cooper will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah November 23, 2013.



BAR MITZVAH

Henry Nathan Hutzler, son of Meryl and Gil Hutzler will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah December 7, 2013.



BAT MITZVAH

Emily Rose Kahn, daughter of Lynne and Howard Kahn will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah December 7, 2013.

Healing Service

Shabbat, November 23
Kreitzer Memorial Room, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

With so many people in our community in need of healing, Rabbi Saroken will be leading a prayer circle/healing service. Anyone in need of healing or praying for your loved ones is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

IN MEMORIAM

SHELDON SHERMAN

We mourn the passing of our member and extend sincere condolences to his family.

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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, November 1

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 2

Parsha of the Week – Toldot
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 3

Rosh Chodesh Kislev - Day 1
Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Evening Service 5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 4

Rosh Chodesh Kislev - Day 2
Morning Service 7:45 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 8

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:38 p.m.

Saturday, November 9

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

Friday, November 15

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:32 p.m.

Saturday, November 16

Parsha of the Week – Vayishlach
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 4:45 p.m.

Friday, November 22

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:27 p.m.

Saturday, November 23

Parsha of the Week – Vayeshev
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, November 28

**Thanksgiving Day
Hanukkah – Day 1**
Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Evening Service 5:30 p.m.

Friday, November 29

Hanukkah – Day 2
Morning Service 7:45 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:24 p.m.

Saturday, November 30

**Parsha of the Week – Miketz
Hanukkah – Day 3**
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 4:45 p.m.



This past fall, Beth El's staff got together to complete a workshop on CPR and First Aid. Everyone was CPR certified. Beth El provides this program every two years so its employees are always up to date in case of an emergency.

Sponsored By Beth El Events Committee

BAND, BEER, & FUN

Saturday, November 2, 2013
Offit Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

Get ready for a great night out!

The band Swimmin With Sharks will be playing at Beth El on Saturday, November 2. Swimmin With Sharks features dance music from the 60's to today. The band will have you dancing all night to your favorite old and new songs. Swimmin With Sharks recently played in Annapolis at a fundraiser for Johns Hopkins Hospital that drew over 300 people and the Strawberry Festival near Annapolis. The band has played at many private and public events, but until now, most have been in Anne Arundel County and on the Eastern Shore. This will be the first time the band will play in Baltimore County. Their lead singer, Sid Molofsky, went to Pikesville Senior High and is a Beth El member. Come on out and dance the night away!

\$15.00 members, non-members \$20.00, \$20.00 at the door
To rsvp please contact **Diane Cole**, 410-484-0411 or email diane@bethelbalto.com.

LIBRARY LOVERS

The Agus Library is a wonderful facility filled with books of Jewish interest.

Your help is needed to make it more readily available to Beth El's members.

If you can spare an hour or two each week, we need you.

No experience necessary.

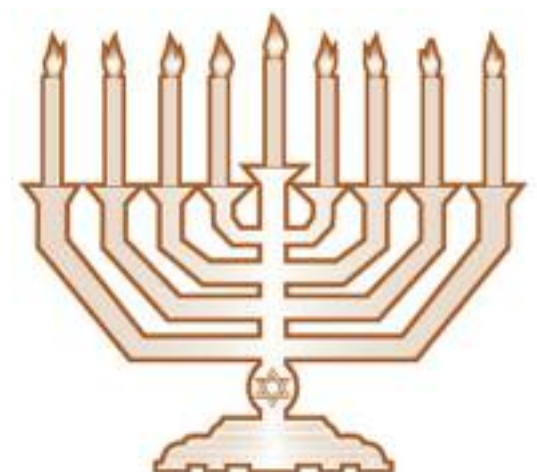
Please call **Barbara Berkowitz**
410-296-8424.

SAVE THE DATE!

Help Break Beth El's Record
of 97 Chanukiahs Lit!

**Hanukkah
Congregation-Wide Event
Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 p.m.**

Latkes, Dreidels, and Music!
Bring your own chanukiah and candles so we can light them, together as a congregation for the 7th night of Hanukkah!



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enough to burn for a single day. Nevertheless, they lit the Menorah, and that single portion of oil burned for 8 days, enough time for them to make more of the oil and bring it to Jerusalem. We light the menorah for 8 nights of Hanukkah, to remember the miracle of the burning menorah in ancient times, and to reflect upon the idea that the brightest light of this world comes from God.

When the two stories of Hanukkah are considered together, we are reminded each year that it is through a partnership between God and human kind that light comes into the world, that darkness can be banished, and that the world can become the kind of place that we want it to be, and that God intends it to be.

SENIORS



DECEMBER MEETING

The Beth El Seniors will be holding their December dinner meeting on **Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Myers Auditorium. Come and join us for our Chinese buffet of delicious specialties.

The cost for the evening is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. Our entertainment for the evening will be David Monaco, singer and guitarist.

Reservations and payments are due no later than Friday, November 29th, 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**.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – DUES ARE NOW DUE

The Beth El Seniors are always welcoming new members 50 years of age or older to join our active organization. Dues are only \$15 per person per year. 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.

THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB JUDAIC STUDIES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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



AGUS LIBRARY

The Agus Library became a project of the members of Sisterhood when it was reorganized under its auspices and the leadership of Marlene Siegel. This wonderful facility is filled with a variety of books of Jewish and general interest. In order to sustain and increase its viability, we need your help. If you have an hour or two each week, your assistance is needed. To arrange a time of your convenience, please contact **Barbara Berkowitz** **barbberk@verizon.net** 410-296-8424.

HOURS

Monday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

If these times are not convenient for you, contact **Barbara Berkowitz** to make an appointment. **barbberk@verizon.net** or 410-296-8424.



Sisterhood members enjoying a day at the Newseum in DC.

MIKVEH – CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

It was these women who were truly the wind beneath my wings. It was these women who were there, from the get-go, to listen to new ideas, to ask questions, to tour the other mikva'ot in town, to meet with the women who were running them, and to help envision the potential of our mikveh. It was these women who rushed off to the stores to buy new towels and accessories for the mikveh before we broke ground and it was these women who decided our mikveh should look and feel like the spa at the Four Seasons Hotel. And so that is what we set out to do. Four of us; Debbie Abrams, Bev Penn, Dale Kahn and I actually ventured off to the Four Seasons one afternoon. We touched, sat on and explored every dimension of their spa and then we were off! Dale Kahn would spend the next months eating, sleeping and breathing tiles, furnishings, colors, and fabrics for the mikveh and working with Kenny Schwartz to make sure everything was exactly as we had envisioned. Debbie Abrams continued to be by our side or a quick phone call away whenever we needed her. Whether it was to meet up at the tile store or at the mikveh – she shared her time and her exquisite taste with incredible generosity and made wonderful suggestions about countless details that were incorporated into the plans. I am eternally grateful for her partnership in this endeavor! Bev Penn, moved mountains on this project. Every time finances or challenges were in our way, Bev navigated us through the obstacles and insisted that we stay true to our vision and that we “do it right.” Because of Bev, Alice Levin, Marlene Siegel and the women of the Sisterhood, Dale and Debbie and ALL the women of the Mikveh Task Force – we were able to do exactly that – “to do it right!” Because of your encouragement, partnership and support we “did it right” and for that, the Beth El Community will be eternally grateful!

SISTERHOOD – WHAT’S HAPPENING?

**SISTERHOOD MEETING/PROGRAM
NOVEMBER 4, 2013, 11:30 a.m.**

The guest speaker is Elliot King, Ph.D., chairman of the communications department at Loyola University Maryland, whose most recent publication is *Free for All: The Internet’s Transformation of Journalism*. You are welcome to attend the program at 12:30 p.m. However, we can no longer take reservations for the luncheon.

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 2, 2013, 11:30 a.m.**



Guest speaker is Carla Hayden, Ph.D., chief executive officer of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.
Topic: The Fate of Reading in an Electronic Age

SISTERHOODS TRIPS 2014

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

Sunday, March 23, 2014 - registration for the new musical *Beaches*, at the Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA will open Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Beth El’s website (bethelbalto.com) or at the reception desk of the synagogue.

Thursday, April 24, 2014 – Brooklyn, New York Botanical Gardens and the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

Thursday, May 22, 2014 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Shofuso Japanese House and Garden and Lemon Hill Mansion.

Registration for the April and May trips will open on Tuesday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m. at Beth El’s website (bethelbalto.com) or at the reception desk of the synagogue.

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

SISTERHOOD ARCHIVES PROJECT

Members of Sisterhood have been compiling a history of Beth El Sisterhood which began the same year Israel was founded - 1948. The writing team has been recording events up to and including our present day activities. Some things never change, and others have changed a lot. If you have relevant information and/or stories to share regarding the history of Sisterhood or if you would like to participate in the Archives Project, please contact **Ilene Merenbloom** ilene@merenbloom.com 410-486-6822 or **Rae Shalowitz** rashally@aol.com 410-484-7437.

THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION

The Federation of Jewish Women’s Organization of Maryland is an umbrella group comprised of all the Jewish Women’s Organizations, including synagogue sisterhoods in Maryland. The purpose is leadership development. Join The Federation of Jewish Women at its information session on **Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 9:45 a.m.** at Beth Israel Congregation. The guest speaker is Marvin Pinkert, Executive Director of the Jewish Museum of Maryland. Reservations may be made through **Honey Litman** at 410-486-8116 or **Estelle Kabik** at kabassoc@comcast.net 410-833-2769.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following are new members for 2013-2014: **Nancy Jachman, Sybil Kolodny, Judy Bach, Marcia Gellis, Rita Rosenfeld, Barbara Fried, Ellen Spak, Phyllis Cramer, Fran Baum, Laurie Weiss, Susan Weintraub and Lenora Talles**
These are the courtesy members for 2013-2014: **Ilene Meyers, Frances Bernstein, Suzanne Grant, Janene Malamud, Leia Zeitlin, Edy Bondroff and Cheryl Weinstein**

BIBLIO

Sisterhood’s Book Club, Biblio, invites all Beth El members to join us at our monthly Wednesday book reviews and discussion meetings. Biblio provides a list of books that have been chosen by our outstanding reviewers. The selections are timely, sometimes classic, but always of vital interest. We meet at noon in the Kolker Room. Bring your own kosher lunch. Tea and coffee are provided by Beth El and dessert is supplied by our volunteer hostess of the month. There is no charge.

Barbara Levenson, a retired English teacher and a current lecturer at Brandeis Women’s Group, will review *The Light Between the Oceans* by M. L. Stegman on **Wednesday, November 13 at noon**. It is a thought-provoking story of a lighthouse keeper living on an isolated island in Australia after World War I and involves choices that people have to make in their lives.

For further information contact **Barbara Berkowitz** barberk@verizon.net or 410-296-8424.

RABBIS’ BOOK REVIEWS AND PETITE LUNCHEONS

Rabbi Dana Saroken’s book review will be held on **Wednesday, January 22 at noon** preceded by a “Petite Luncheon.” She will review the provocative book, *The Wanting* by Michael Lavigne. Rabbi Steven Schwartz will present his book review on **Wednesday, March 19 at noon** also preceded by a “Petite Luncheon.” The cost for each event is \$12. Send check for reservation to Beth El Sisterhood, Attn: Alice Levin, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208. The title for Rabbi Schwartz’s book will be announced.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

After many requests, we have agreed that Unique Boutique will be a three-day event this coming May. Although applications are not being accepted until the first of the year, we want the Beth El family to have the first opportunity to communicate with any prospective quality vendors who may be interested. The dates are **May 4, 5 and 6**.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Mishpacha is the theme the Jewish Theological Seminary has chosen for this year, 5774. Each benefactor who donates \$180 dollars to JTS will receive a pin reflecting this concept. Beth El Sisterhood is regarded as one of the most enthusiastic and generous supporters of JTS. We have packets of six mitzvah and sympathy cards for a contribution of \$18 available at all Sisterhood meetings. We look forward to your continuing involvement in our support of future rabbis, cantors and educators at the Seminary. Our own rabbis have been educated at the JTS. To order a pin or cards call **Jane Krosin** janiekine@comcast.net 410-484-4218 or **Hilda Dopkin** hildop@aol.com 410-486-4453.

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 2, 2013, 11:30 a.m.**

Name _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Email _____

If you are not a subscription holder, send check for \$20.00 to: Beth El Sisterhood c/o Marcia Boonshaft or Esther Harris, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Your check is your receipt. Subscription holders who will not attend should notify Marcia Boonshaft: jmboonshaft@verizon.net (410-484-3112) or Esther Harris: teach5ech@aol.com (410-486-3177)
RSVP BY NOVEMBER 22, 2013

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

IT IS RAELY TRUE



Pests know no borders ...

The Israeli and Palestinian Agriculture Ministries agreed in September to revive some of the joint committees formed under the Oslo Accords, which were frozen 13 years ago with the onset of the second intifada. The ministries also decided to join forces in establishing a regional center for agronomic cooperation. Because agricultural disease and pests know no borders, enhancing agriculture on the Palestinian side would likewise lead to improvements on the Israeli side.

First fully digital country in the world!

Cisco Systems announced it would make Israel, with a fiber optics network, the first fully digital country in the world. No timeframe was announced for the project, but industry sources expect it to be within the next five years. The fiber optimization will provide advantages in electricity, telecommunications, health care and education. Israel is an ideal candidate for the project because of its high number of technology startups, its concentrated land mass, medium-sized population and a high level of educational attainment.

No more cash? ... not exactly, but less perhaps

The Israeli government is looking into reducing the use of cash in Israel, thereby maximizing tax collection and fighting money laundering. A VISA-sponsored study estimated that unreported or under-reported transactions within the legal economy stood at NIS 185 billion, some 18.9% of GDP. Reducing that shadow economy by 2% could result in up to NIS 9 billion in extra tax revenues.

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 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. 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.

• Follow Rabbi Schwartz on Twitter @sceezo.

Shabbat In Motion

Intergenerational Sports Activities After Kiddush, Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

What better way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon than to play some fun sports with your clergy and Beth El family? The intergenerational sports leagues will be for all ages. Whether you are eight years old or eighty come join us for a congregation-wide game of kickball and whiffle ball as well. Who wouldn't want to watch their Rabbis, Cantors, and friends swinging bats, catching balls and running the bases? This will take place on the field behind Beth El. Feel free to bring your change of clothing to services. We will conveniently check it in the coat room for you.

Whiffle Ball

Shabbat, November 2 and 9

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

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The Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Ari Spind
October 12, 2013
By his Grandma, Ellie
A Megillah Panel

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August 28, 2013
By their children
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And their grandchildren
Matthew, Justin, Kylie, Sienna and Gavin
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October 12, 2013
By his parents
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NEW GROUP FOR EMPTY NESTERS OR THOSE ABOUT TO BECOME ONES!

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Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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Cash bar available

Limited to 70 people

Reservations and payment must be in by Monday, November 11, 2013.

Send check to:

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8 Actions in 8 Days

This Hanukkah, join Jews around North America in 8 simple actions to help conserve energy, slow global climate change, and save you money!

Day 1: Replace an outdoor light fixture with one that has a motion-detector. Outdoor lights that are left on all night waste electricity, increase your energy bill, and add to night-time "light pollution." A fixture with a motion-detector will turn on only when needed.

Day 2: Make a plan to decrease your car use. Automobiles emit greenhouse gas emissions (CO₂ and NO_x) and contribute to U.S. dependence on foreign oil. Examine your driving habits and see if you can tele-commute, walk, bike, take public transit, or combine errands to reduce the amount you drive.

Day 3: Make your own Hanukkah gifts! Take a photo and design a frame for it, knit a scarf for the winter, or make a set of beeswax candles. Use recycled materials if you can. You can find lots of great books about homemade gifts in your local library.

Day 4: Eat less meat and buy organic, locally grown foods. Large-scale meat production uses a huge amount of natural resources, particularly grain, topsoil, and water. Eating organic food is better for your health since it reduces your exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. Buying food grown close to home supports family farms and reduces the amount of energy used to prepare and transport food.

Day 5: Give your furnace a tune-up. Forty percent of home energy use is for heat. An inefficient heating system can waste 30-50% of the energy it uses. Oil furnaces should be serviced annually and gas furnaces every two years. A heating technician can do the tune-up for \$50-100.

Day 6: Save paper by sending environmentally-friendly Hanukkah e-cards. To create an e-card, visit care2.com. Or, if you're feeling artistic, make your own paper cards with recycled paper.

Day 7: Wash a full load of clothes and use cold water for the rinse. Washing machines use 32-59 gallons of water per cycle, so waiting until you have a full load of clothes will save both water and energy. A warm water wash and a cold rinse will clean nearly all clothes well.

Day 8: Question: What three things can you give, which once you give them, will give back to you at least as much and perhaps more of what you gave? Answer: Knowledge, light, and love.

<http://coejl.org/resources/8actions>



The Men's Club Family Tailgate this past October was enjoyed by everyone present. The food was plentiful and the game very exciting! Watch for photos in the December Voice.

Saturday, November 9

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht, 7:00 p.m.
More Than Broken Glass: Memories of Krystallnacht
By Roger McIntosh

The sounds of broken glass, on the night of November 9, 1938, will be forever etched in the collective memory of the Jewish People. It was the night that the Nazis publicly and blatantly announced to the world that they had declared war on the Jewish people.

On November 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., Beth El Congregation will host a commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Krystallnacht, with a short Havdalah service, accompanied by a power point presentation, archival footage, photographs, and survivor accounts that will be read by Beth El Hebrew School students. A candle lighting service and/or panel discussion will conclude the service. Afterwards, join us for a reception.

This event is being sponsored by the Beth El Men's Club, the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning, and the Baltimore Jewish Council. Please don't miss this opportunity to participate in this powerful commemorative service.

Sunday, December 15

1st Annual Paid-Up Member Brunch, Offit Auditorium,
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

At this member's brunch the Men's Club will introduce the Board of Directors, solicit ideas for events and projects, input for brunch speakers, and be treated to Baltimore's Greatest Sports Fan discussing the local situation. Prospective members are invited for a \$10 fee. **RSVP by Sunday, December 8 to jmboonshaft@verizon.net.**

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Monday, November 4, 2013
8:00 p.m., Offit Auditorium



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Distinguished Lecturer in Law at Fordham Law School, director the Forum on Law, Culture & Society, will moderate.

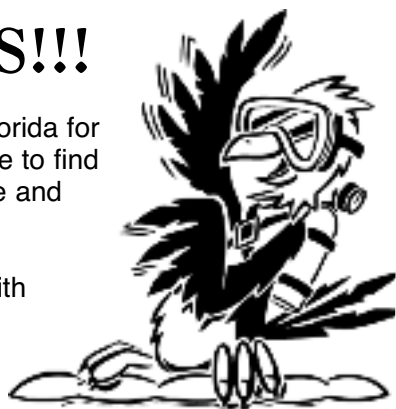
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MONDAY EVENING

Agus Academy: Study with the Rabbis

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Agus Library
Fee: No charge
Session I: "What makes Jewish Community"
Instructor: Rabbi Steven Schwartz
Dates: November 11, 18, December 9
Description: Where does the Jewish community come from? What does it look like? How was it constructed historically, and how should it be constructed today? Drawing from traditional and contemporary sources, Rabbi Schwartz will examine the idea of what makes Jewish community tick. What are the values that bring the community together? What are the challenges that confront the community that threaten it? What are the changes that the Jewish community is wrestling with today, and how will it look in 25 years?

Jewish Short Stories

Dates: November 4, December 2, January 6, March 3, April 7, May 5
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Gail Lipsitz
Location: Agus Library
Description: Enjoy reading selected short fiction by contemporary Jewish writers of note and participate in lively group discussions.
Fee: \$30 for Beth El members, \$40 for non-members.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Yours, Mine and Ours: "Terror and Ecstasy: Great Biblical Characters and the Moments that Define Them"

Dates: Session I:
November 6, 13, 20
December 4, 11, 18
January 8, 15
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (except 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. on the following dates: October 23, November 20, December 18, January 22, February 19, and March 19)
Instructors: Rosann Catalano, PhD, Staff Scholar at the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies and the Beth El Rabbis
Location: Agus Library
Description: The Bible overflows with narratives of great characters, some very well known, others buried in obscure texts. In our class this year, we will study these characters through the lens of their encounter(s) with the divine; defining moments of terror or of ecstasy that redefine their self-understanding, their understanding of God, and the relationship of one to the other.
Fee: Sessions 1 and 2 – Beth El Members, \$150, non-members \$200
Session 1 OR 2 – Beth El Members, \$100, non-members \$150

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Jewish Laws, Customs and Ethical Issues around Life Cycle Events

Time: 7:00 pm
Instructors: Beth El Rabbis
Location – Agus Library
Birth: Thursday, November 14
Marriage: Thursday, January 23, 2014
Death: Thursday, April 24, 2014

This program is for all adults regardless of your Jewish knowledge.

Shabbat Dinner with Entertainment

Time: 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 7:00 p.m. dinner and program
Date: Friday, November 15, 2013
Location: Kabbalat Shabbat service in the Gorn Chapel followed by dinner and program in the Kolker Room.
Description: Join Beth El for a traditional Shabbat dinner and entertainment by Kol Sasson, an a cappella group. Enjoy their beautiful tones and melodies during the Gorn Chapel service, then during and after dinner.
Fee: - \$25 adult dinner, \$10 child dinner (under 12).

TZION BALTIMORE CLASSES 2013-2014

Instructor: Neil Rubin, PhD
Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at Beth El Congregation

The *Tzion* curriculum is attentive both to historical context and the content of ideas. *Tzion* is designed as a 2-year course. Year 1 addresses the history of Zionism through the creation of the state. The focus of Year 2 is post-statehood through modern times. For more information, please contact **Jill Max**, Director Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University, 410.704.7120 or jmax@towson.edu.



November 5	January 21	March 25
November 12	January 28	April 1
November 19	February 4	April 8
December 3	February 11	April 29
December 10	February 18	(make-up date if necessary)
December 17	February 25	
January 14	March 11	

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Fall 2013 (10 sessions) cost: \$180 November: 6, 13, 20 December: 4, 11, 18	Spring 2014 (15 sessions) cost: \$270 February: 5, 12, 19, 26 March: 5, 12, 19, 26 April: 2, 9, 23, 30 May: 7, 14, 21
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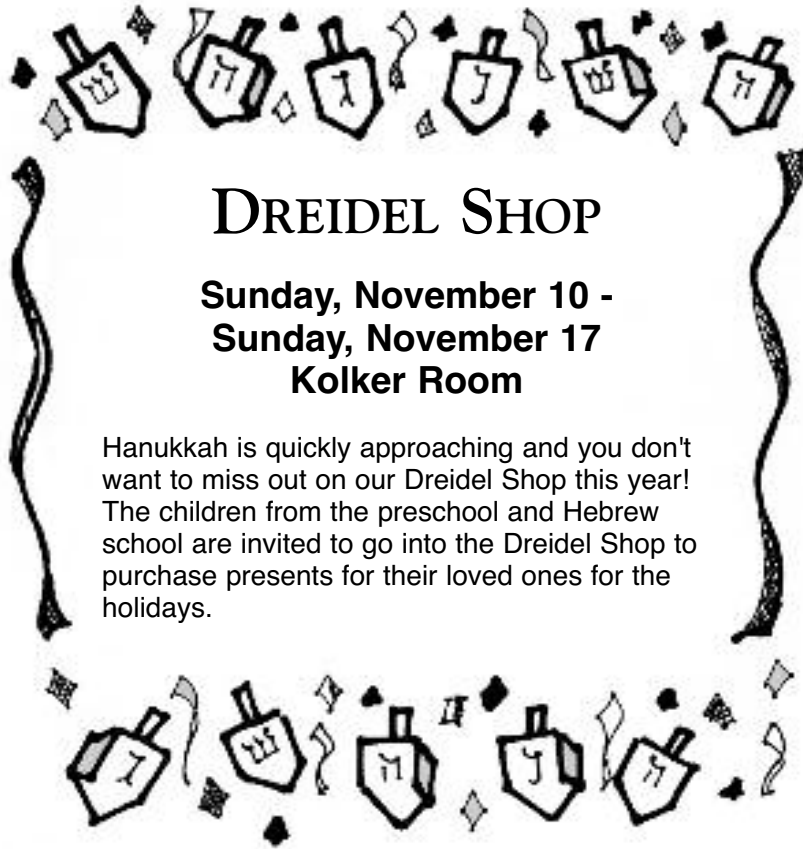


These 1st Wednesday evenings will be light and enjoyable for anyone. We will sell beer and wine and provide non-alcoholic beverages for all. Join us at Beth El on these 1st Wednesdays.

Location: Offit Auditorium
Time: 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Fee: No Charge

November 6: *Lean In* Panel Conversation featuring women in leadership positions in our community. This lively panel discussion, moderated by Rabbi Dana Saroken, is based on the book *Lean In: Women and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg. Note the panel discussion is at 8:00 p.m. and followed by a reception. Our distinguished panel features Dr. Diane Orlinsky, Dermatologist; Lynn Abeshouse, business professional; Hon. Ellen Hollander, Baltimore City Circuit Judge; and Jodi Brodie, local business owner.

December 4: Yvonne Daniel will present "Jews that Immigrated to Shanghai from Nazi Germany." China opened their doors to European Jews during the Holocaust. Yvonne, who was born in Shanghai, will present a video from the Shanghai Jewish Refugee Museum. If you've heard Yvonne's talk before, this presentation is very different.



DREIDEL SHOP

**Sunday, November 10 -
Sunday, November 17
Kolker Room**

Hanukkah is quickly approaching and you don't want to miss out on our Dreidel Shop this year! The children from the preschool and Hebrew school are invited to go into the Dreidel Shop to purchase presents for their loved ones for the holidays.

**THE PAULINE MASH SCHOOL
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TWO'S CLASS AND MY GROWN UP AND ME.**

My Grown Up and Me

Tuesdays, starting January 7 - May 20, 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 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; \$380 non-member. For more information contact Mandy@bethelbalto.com.

January Two's class begins Monday, January 6.

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



Our toddlers enjoy the holiday of Sukkot inside their version of a Sukkah!



TORAH SPARKS

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

Beth El's Youth Minyan

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

**November 9, 23 • December 21
January 25 • February 8 • March 22 • April 26 • May 10**

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

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

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

Mark Your Calendar!

November 2	January 11	March 1	May 10
December 7	February 1	April 5	

TOT SHABBAT 2013-2014

Bring your tot to a Tot Shabbat service at Beth El to meet new families, to enjoy songs, stories and kiddush afterwards! Contact **Becky Gordon** at sbgordoninc@verizon.net.
**November 2, 9, 23; December 7; January 4, 11, 25;
February 1, 22; March 1, 8, 22; April 5, 26; May 3, 17, 31**



M&M Shabbat 2013 – 2014

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

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

Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!

November 1	February 7	May 2
December 6	March 7	June 6
January 3	April 4	

NOTICE

In October 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on our inspections, re-inspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan please contact Executive Director Gilbert Kleiner, FSA at 410-484-0411.

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

- Beth El Schools mirrors the operations of the Baltimore County School System. If they close or announce early dismissal, then our school will not have classes that day.
- If Phase I of the Snow Emergency Plan is implemented by 8:30 a.m., then all Hebrew and Sunday schools will be closed.
- If Phase I is implemented during school hours, we will announce this news on our website at www.bethelbalto.com as well as on **WBAL-AM (1090) radio**. It is best to use these two medium, rather than contact our office, due to the high volume of calls.

Let it snow, let it snow ... check the radio and website.

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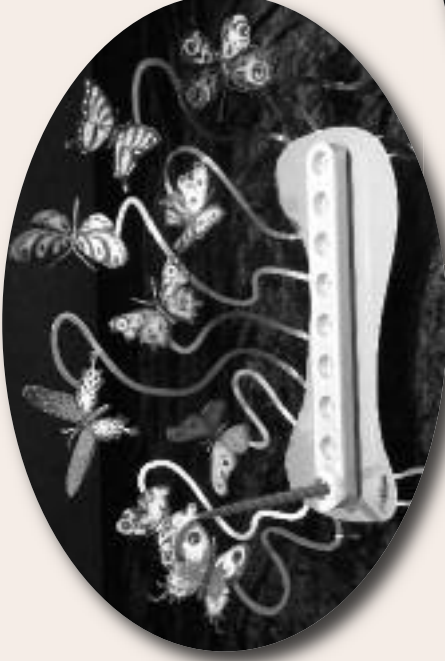
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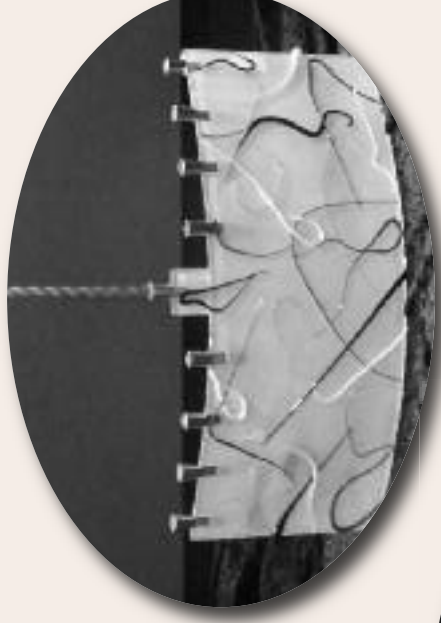
Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

HANUKKAH IS AROUND THE CORNER!

The first night of Hanukkah is Wednesday, November 27, very early this year, so visit us soon for the best selection of menorahs, candles, dreidels and children's books and activities!



Hand painted metal butterfly menorah by Israeli artist, David Gerstein.



Hand fused glass menorah by Tamara Baskin.



Tree of Life menorah, made in Haiti, from recycled steel oil drums.



We have a large selection of menorahs, books and activities for children of all ages.



Stop by for our Stick-Um candle adhesive. Just a dab holds your candles in place! No more tilted or falling candles.

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 Please Deliver by November 1