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## God's Gift of Yom Kippur

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Rabbi Loeb of blessed memory often spoke of Yom Kippur as his favorite day of the year. On that sacred day he and I would sit together during the afternoon break talking about how morning services had been, how we felt about our sermons, and just generally reflecting on the holiday season. He was at his most relaxed — feeling proud of what the shul had accomplished, and grateful for what he always called “God’s gift of Yom Kippur.”

For many years, I did not understand what he meant by that phrase. Then one year in one of those Yom Kippur afternoon conversations he explained it to me. “It is a day,” he said, “that takes care of itself.” It

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doesn't really matter how good (or bad) the sermon is, or whether the Cantor was in good voice or not. The day itself has a sacred quality that is felt by Jews, that touches our souls, and that we are deeply connected to. From the beginning of Kol Nidre to the last words of Ne'ilah, Yom Kippur is a day like no other in our calendar.

Why is this? First of all we know that the day comes with a great gift, the blessing of God's forgiveness. What an astonishing thing it is that we can stand before God's presence, with all of our human flaws, our mistakes and limitations, our mundane thoughts and concerns, and God listens to us. God senses the cares and worries we carry in our hearts, and when we truly regret the mistakes that we've made and the sins that we've committed, God forgives us. In that gift from God is a possibili-

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## MORTON H. OFFIT DISTINGUISHED CHARACTER AWARD

Shirley Offit, together with her children Paul, Peggy and Carl and their families, have established a foundation award in memory of their husband, father and grandfather Morton Offit: a man devoted to family, strong principles, friendship, and Jewish ideals.

As a young man, Morton served in World War II in the South Pacific for two and a half years. After returning at age 22, he pursued a college degree before joining the family business. Morton finished the University of Maryland in three years and was appointed Honorary Beta Gamma Sigma of the business world.

Morton's father, Julius, was one of the original founders of Beth El in 1947. Beth El's first official meeting was held at Morton's father's home, which Morton had the honor of attending. Due to his father's early roots and history with Beth El and Morton's interest in Jewish life and tradition, Morton became involved in the synagogue as time went on. He worked on a committee to rewrite the Daily Prayer Book, as well as served with Rabbi Mark G. Loeb, z"l on a committee for Adult Education.

Not only was Morton active in his synagogue, but he was also active in his community. Morton was a member of the Big Brother League for several years. He also helped people develop small businesses through the Associated Jewish charities.

Morton always said to his children that he never cared if they got all A's. All he cared was that they tried their hardest and nothing less. That is what the new, 'Distinguished Character' award is all about.



Morton H. Offit

The 'Distinguished Character' award will be granted to a member of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class each Shavuot. The winner will be decided by a Beth El panel to honor a student who shows outstanding character: someone who on their own initiative shows interest in their Judaism, their classmates and the larger community. We hope that this award will help a student to pursue and select a project of his or her interest.

Dear friends:

I write today to let you know of a change we have decided to make in this year's Yom Kippur service schedule. As you are aware, for many years Beth El has been having the Yom Kippur Yizkor service on the afternoon of that sacred day. The original intent behind this was to bring people back to the congregation for the afternoon with the hopes that they might stay through the Ne'ilah service. To a certain extent the afternoon Yizkor service helped meet this goal, but at the same time it was difficult for many people, and it was clear there was a fairly strong preference by many to return Yizkor to its traditional slot of Yom Kippur morning, during the Torah service.

**This year, after consulting with the clergy, the Religious Services Committee, and the officers of Beth El, we have decided to move Yizkor back to its regular morning place. This means that Yizkor will be recited Yom Kippur morning in each of the three services (the Rubin, the Offit, and the Gorn) after the chanting of the haftara, at approximately 11:15 a.m.** We feel that this will not at all diminish our afternoon services and activities, as Ne'ilah has in and of itself become a popular and well attended service. At the same time, we feel the morning service, with all of its emotion and sacred feeling, will be enhanced by the recitation of Yizkor.

Yom Kippur is a day when we look forward to the beginning of a new year and it is also a day when we remember the past - our tradition, our history, and our ancestors. I sincerely hope you will be pleased with this change in the service schedule, and that the entire day will be filled with meaning for you and those you love.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year of health and happiness.

—Rabbi Steven Schwartz

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

Dr. Lisa Abrams on the loss of her beloved father, Dr. William Dvorine.  
 Mrs. Geraldine Cohen on the loss of her beloved sister, Minnie Frankel.  
 Mrs. Jayne Engorn on the loss of her beloved mother, Gloria Karasik.  
 Mrs. Miriam "Mimi" Garfield on the loss of her beloved husband, Norman Garfield.  
 Mrs. Marcia Gellis on the loss of her beloved husband, Harold Gellis.  
 Mr. Stephen Golaner and Mr. David Golaner on the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Roseann Golaner.  
 Mr. Izzy Goldscher, Mr. Kenneth Goldscher, Mr. Joseph Goldscher and Dr. David Goldscher on the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Shirley Goldscher.  
 Ms. Vicki Kahn and Mrs. Carol Engelman on the loss of their beloved mother, Sarah Kappelman Harris.  
 Mrs. Elsie Koenigsberg on the loss of her beloved husband, David Koenigsberg.  
 Mr. Ira Oring on the loss of his beloved mother, Myra Oring.  
 Dr. Michael Schultz on the loss of his beloved mother, Geraldine Schultz.  
 Mr. Paul Speert on the loss of his beloved father, Robert A. Speert.  
 Mrs. Susan Treff on the loss of her beloved mother, Doris Henning.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Geraldine Cohen

**OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:**

Ms. Michele Cagan on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Ethan Paul Flanagan.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Downing on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ryan Downing; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Satsky.  
 Mr. Stephen Golaner on the birth of his grandson, Declan James Cohn.  
 Mrs. Stacey Needle and Mr. Michael Schwartzberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jordan Schwartzberg; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schein.  
 Ms. Gail Rosen and Mr. Ari Rosen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jared Isaac Rosen; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deutschman.

**SEPTEMBER MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES**

Rachel Lewkowicz and Matthew Cohen on their 1st  
 Amanda & Dennis Weinman on their 5th  
 Nancy & David Epstein on their 10th  
 Sara & Joel Fidler on their 10th  
 Marla & Donald Goldman on their 10th  
 Jessica Cohen-Lubeck & Joshua Lubeck on their 10th  
 Debra & Victor Ciufu on their 15th  
 Marni & Todd Hyatt on their 20th  
 Lynda & Steven Zuckerberg on their 20th  
 Barbara & Elliot Schlanger on their 35th  
 Jane & Sanford Siegel on their 35th  
 Marcia & Kenneth Aaronson on their 50th  
 Rosalie & Alvin Book on their 65th

**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**  
**Jared Isaac Rosen**, son of Gail Rosen and Ari Rosen will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah Sunday, September 22, 2013.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Ryan Seth Downing**, son of Lori and Scott Downing will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah Shabbat, September 28, 2013.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Jordan Bart Schwartzberg**, son of Stacey Needle and Michael Schwartzberg will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah Shabbat, September 28, 2013.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Ethan Paul Flanagan**, son of Michele Cagan will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah Shabbat, October 5, 2013



I want to give my sincerest appreciation for all of the generous expressions of sympathy from my friends at Beth El on the passing of my brother, Ellis Fader. Remembering me at such a time is so meaningful.  
 Thank you,  
 Esther Berelowitz

**IN MEMORIAM**

**RICHARD M. COLE  
 DARON FISHER  
 HAROLD GELLIS  
 ROSEANN GOLANER  
 SHIRLEY GOLDSCHER  
 SARAH KAPPELMAN HARRIS  
 DAVID KOENIGSBERG  
 PAULINE D. MASH  
 MYRA ORNIG**

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).



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Wednesday, September 4

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, September 5

#### Rosh Hashanah-Day 1

Shacharit Service	9:30 a.m.
Torah Service	10:15 a.m.
Shofar Blowing	10:45 a.m.
Tashlich Service (Woodholme)	4:30 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv Service	6:00 p.m.

### Friday, September 6

#### Rosh Hashanah-Day 2

Same morning schedule as the first day	
Evening Service (Gorn)	6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting	7:09 p.m.

### Saturday, September 7, Shabbat Shuvah

Morning Service (Gorn)	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv Havdalah Services	7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 8

Morning Service	9:30 a.m.
<b>Annual Service of Remembrance</b> At Beth El Memorial Park	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	5:30 p.m.

### Friday, September 13

#### Erev Yom Kippur

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Kol Nidre Service	6:30 p.m.
Candle lighting	6:58 p.m.

### Saturday, September 14

#### Yom Kippur

Shacharit Service	9:30 a.m.
Torah Service	10:30 a.m.
Yizkor	11:15 a.m.
Intermission	2:30 p.m.
Open Forum	4:30 p.m.
Mincha Service	5:45 p.m.
Neilah Service	6:30 p.m.
Maariv/Havdalah	7:45 p.m.
Shofar Blowing	8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 18

#### Erev Sukkot

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Sukkot Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:32 p.m.

### Thursday, September 19

#### Sukkot-Day 1

Morning Sukkot Service (Gorn)	10:00 a.m.
Evening Sukkot Service	6:00 p.m.

### Friday, September 20

#### Sukkot-Day 2

Morning Sukkot Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting	6:46 p.m.

### Saturday, September 21

#### Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot

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

### Sunday, September 22

#### Hol HaMoed Sukkot

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

### Monday and Tuesday, September 23 & 24

#### Hol HaMoed Sukkot

Morning Service	7:45 a.m.
Candle Lighting	6:20 p.m.
Evening Service	7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 25

#### Erev Shemini Atzeret Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Service (Yizkor)	7:45 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:10 p.m.

### Thursday, September 26

#### Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah

Morning Service (Yizkor)	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:15 p.m.

### Friday, September 27

#### Simchat Torah

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:35 p.m.

### Saturday, September 28

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



### SAVE THE DATE

## An Evening of Diamonds, Dice & Denim

Saturday, December 14  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Offit Auditorium

Gambling, Prizes, Food, Drink  
and Free Babysitting

For more information contact **Jill Eisen**,  
410.484.4543 or email  
jill@bethelbalto.com.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

Beginning October 16  
8 sessions

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

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

## KEEP IN TOUCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Follow Rabbi Schwartz on Twitter @sceezo.



## SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

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

## DALE KAHN, HONOREE

**D**ale has been a member of Beth El for over twenty five years, but it was only six years ago that she decided to take a more active role in the Synagogue. She became and remains a member in a number of committees and also serves on the Sisterhood Board. She was honored to have a role in the program for Rabbi Schwartz's installation as Senior Rabbi of Beth El. Dale became Committee Chair of the Events Committee and helped orchestrate many outstanding and meaningful programs for the congregation at large. Dale is an Interior Designer and was a natural resource to be placed on the Art Committee. She works closely with other members of the committee to ensure the artistic and aesthetic character and allure of our complex. She was an integral part in the planning and designing of the rededicated Kolker Room and designed the beauty and sanctity of our newly redesigned Mikveh.

What we know at Beth El about Dale is that everything she becomes involved with is taken to a higher level. She has a wonderful eye for color, style, and design, with a creative imagination that brings a fresh perspective and a never ending flow of ideas. She keeps a careful eye on every detail of a project she is involved in, and her work in the shul over the last years has helped Beth El to be a more beautiful campus and a stronger and more sacred community. Dale is always generous with her time, and when we call she is there for us without hesitation. And she is deeply respected at Beth El because of her quiet leadership, her thoughtful manner, and her natural wisdom. Our honoring Dale this holiday season is a small way of showing our appreciation for everything that she has done for Beth El Congregation. Dale has demonstrated her love of Beth El time and again, but we also know that her commitment to the synagogue is an outgrowth of her love of family, tradition and Judaism. Dale is a proud and devoted wife to her husband Ray, mother, and grandmother.



### A New Mahzor

*By Rabbi Steven Schwartz*

**F**or the first time in more than three decades Beth El will be using a new Mahzor for the High Holy Days. The Mahzor, called Lev Shalem (A Full Heart), was published by the Conservative Movement 3 years ago, and has received rave reviews around the country wherever it has been used. It combines the traditional text with an up to date translation, as well as, commentaries both modern and ancient. This is a mahzor that will give people a deeper understanding of the themes of the High Holy Days and a new level of access to the service itself. Virtually every page has a new insight, comment, or historical note that will enhance the entire experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at Beth El.

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

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

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

## DR. STEVE KRAVET, HONOREE

**D**r. Steve Kravet came to Beth El with his young family almost 15 years ago. As the years have gone by his connection to Beth El and involvement with the congregation has grown stronger and stronger. He attends services and holiday celebrations, is one of our shofar blowers during the High Holy Days, and participates in his children's events with pride and reverence. He was a committed participant in our Chavurah Chadasha program for families who wanted to experience Jewish living and learning in small groups, and most recently has served as the Chair of our Berman-Lipavsky Religious School Committee. Steve is also one of the best Beth El 'sales' people around, always saying something positive about our synagogue and encouraging others to come and join in the Beth El community.

Steve's professional resume could fill an entire Voice issue, and he has served in a number of different roles for Johns Hopkins Medicine, currently filling the role of President of Johns Hopkins Community Physicians. But whatever his role, whether in the community, at work, or at Beth El, Steve's presence truly makes a difference. He is the classic definition of a mensch, and the love and commitment that he has to Judaism, to Torah, to God, to community, and to his peers inspires us. The way that he lives; with noble values, with a commitment to community and to causes, with humility and respect, compassion and kindness, he encapsulates what it means to "walk in the ways of the righteous."

We are forever grateful to Steve, for all that he has done for Beth El and we feel honored to have the chance to celebrate with him and his family this Simchat Torah. Steve is a devoted husband to his wife Melissa, and father to their children Emily and Ethan.

**TO HONOR BOTH  
DALE KAHN**

**&**

**DR. STEVE KRAVETZ**

**JOIN US AT THE  
SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE  
ON FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27  
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**Yom Kippur –  
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ty that we all need at one time or another in our lives: the chance to let go of the past, to start anew, and to move forward into a future of our own creation. Yom Kippur assures us that we can do this, and that God will help us in this process.

Yom Kippur is also a sacred and special day because of its history. We read that morning from the Torah, the 16th chapter of Leviticus, which describes the ritual of the scapegoat enacted by the High Priest in ancient times. Although our rituals have changed since those days, we know when we read those words that Jews have been observing Yom Kippur for literally thousands of years, and we continue that tradition in our own observance of the day. The covenant between God and Israel stays strong and we have a role to play in that relationship! Am Yisrael Chai!

One last unique feature of Yom Kippur is the powerful sense of community that can be felt in the synagogue on that sacred day. We all stand before God on that day with our own hopes and dreams, but we also stand together, as Jews, as part of a sacred community, supporting one another, caring for one another, and looking to begin a new year together in hope and fellowship.

May it be a year of peace, health, and blessing for one and all. L'shana Tova!



## SUKKAH SABABA

Friday, September 20, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

This year, our Sukkah Sababa ("sababa" means "awesome" in Arabic) will take place on Friday night in our beautiful new sukkah!

You'll need to bring your blankets and lawn chairs so we can enjoy Sukkot under the sun with our outdoor musical service and then stay with us to enjoy sukkot under the stars at our extensive reception including hot hors d'ouvres! During our cocktail reception, children are welcome to attend a special "make your own candy sukkah" program in the Rabbi Mark Loeb Sukkah.

## MOVIE AND POPCORN IN THE SUKKAH

Tuesday, September 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Come join us for a screening of the acclaimed film: *Ushpizin*, in our sukkah. (And yes, we'll even provide the popcorn, snacks and Natty Boh!)

*Ushpizin* is a movie that people rave about, it takes place during Sukkot in Jerusalem within the Orthodox Jewish community. As Moshe (Shuli Rand) who was once a secular Jew, rediscovered his faith and became an ultra-Orthodox Jew. He and his wife, Mali (Michal Bat Sheva Rand), struggle to support their family. With the harvest festival of Sukkot around the corner, Moshe is broke, and asks for help from a yeshiva charitable fund but is told the fund has been depleted, leaving him and his wife with no options except to pray for a miracle. To their surprise, the next day they're informed some money was found in the fund after all, and they are given 1,000 dollars; Moshe and Mali believe this is the miracle they asked for and they joyously make plans to build a sukkah. Just as he completes the new sukkah, Moshe is surprised by the unexpected arrival of Eliahu (Shaul Mizrahi) and Yosef (Ilan Gannai), two old friends from his restless days before he embraced his current faith. Imagining the Lord has sent him guests as part of the miracle, Moshe takes in his old pals and tries to make peace with their rambunctious ways, but what he doesn't know is that the two are on the run from the law, having recently escaped from jail. Come watch and enjoy with us!

## SIMCHAT TORAH FAMILY CELEBRATION

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.



### 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**

### DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL/ ISRAEL BONDS:

## VALUED BY ISRAEL

### SUPPORT THE STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS 5774 HIGH HOLY DAYS CAMPAIGN AT BETH EL CONGREGATION

From the moment David Ben Gurion founded the Israel Bonds organization in 1951, one of its valued assets has been lay leaders – volunteers who have worked closely with the Israel Bonds staff to plan High Holy Days appeals, honoree events, and more. Key to the success of the Israel Bonds synagogue based programming has been the commitment of clergy and congregational staff along with all of our volunteers. Again this year, Sonya Goodman and Robert Slatkin will be chairing Israel Bonds/Beth El's appeal.

Planning events and writing checks is not hammering nails, driving trucks, or plowing fields. Still, the work of Israel Bonds layleaders along with the purchases of millions of dollars of Israel Bonds over the years has been vital in building Israel into the modern sophisticated country she is today.

Participating in an Israel Bonds High Holy Days Campaign means you stand beside a nation that sends a field hospital to Haiti (earthquake) and Japan (tsunami) immediately and helps to invent a missile defense system (Iron Dome) to protect Israeli citizens from terrorist rocket attacks. It means you support a country that is constantly unveiling innovations like a window that doubles as a solar energy collector, a bionic retina that dramatically corrects vision impairments, or a no-hands pressure bandage that saves lives and limbs on the battlefield.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeated more than once "Israel has no better friend than the US and the US has no better friend than Israel." Israel Bonds has been the catalyst for connecting the Diaspora with Israel. During this year's High Holy Day Campaign, join the many members of hundreds of congregations around the country by making an investment and purchase an Israel Bond to show your support and love for Israel.

At the same time, add value to your portfolio or IRA by including an Israel Bond at interest rates that are currently strong. Go to **www.israelbonds.com** for current instruments and rates. Additionally, Israel Bonds can be purchased online. Call or e-mail **baltimore@israelbonds.com** for more information.

Once again, Hopkins Federal Savings Bank and THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore are partnering to make a 100% match on all Israel Bonds purchased during the High Holy Days appeal throughout the entire Baltimore community. Thanks to this generous match, every investment you make for Israel's future will be worth twice its value.

This is not an offering, which can be made only by prospectus. Read the prospectus carefully before investing to fully evaluate the risks associated with investing in Israel Bonds. Issues subject to availability. Member FINRA. DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL

## 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.*



# IT IS RAELY TRUE



## Israeli technology and the Boston Bombers ...

BriefCam, an Israeli high-tech company that calls itself "the search engine for video", helped identify the Boston Marathon bombers. With an office in Boston, it specializes in compressing video that speeds up the investigation process from one hour of viewing time to one minute. The video technology hones in on identified suspicious movement, instantaneously editing out extraneous footage, which was of vital assistance in swiftly helping solve the crime.

## Visiting the recently installed Pope Francis ...

Among the first world leaders to visit Pope Francis was Israeli President Shimon Peres. He extended an invitation to the Pope, saying "I am expecting you in Jerusalem, not just me, but the whole country of Israel". Reportedly, among the topics discussed by the two were Syria, Middle East peace, raising the standard of living among the world's poor and furthering interfaith dialogue between the Vatican and the Jewish State, which have had ongoing diplomatic relations since 1993.

## A few celebrity tidbits ...

- Academy Award-winning actress Natalie Portman calls Israel home.
- Twenty-one year old Yiytish Aynaw became Israel's first Ethiopian, and first black, Miss Israel in 2013.
- KISS bass guitarist Gene Simmons was born in Israel in 1949 with the given name Chaim Witz.



If you can knit or crochet and would like to help keep Project W.A.V.E. alive, the following items are needed: hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, afghans, lap blankets, and walker bags. Acrylic yarn only, please NO WOOL. If you cannot knit or crochet you can help by donating acrylic yarn. For more information email **Dora Smith** at [wave116@comcast.net](mailto:wave116@comcast.net).



# SENIORS



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

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

## OCTOBER MEETING

The Beth El Seniors will be holding their October dinner meeting on **Sunday, October 13** at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. The cost for the evening is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members. Our entertainment will be Jim Forero who is the vocalist of the year for Baltimore's Got Talent. Jim will regale us with his lovely voice. **Reservations and payments are due no later than Tuesday, October 1, 2013.** Please advise if you would like a sugar-free dessert and with whom you would like to be seated. The seating committee will do its best to accommodate your seating wishes. For further information, call **Maxine Kontoff** at 410-486-1653 or **Ruthye Steinberg** at 410-655-8242.

## ROSH HASHANA & YOM KIPPUR

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

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – DUES ARE NOW DUE

Beth El Seniors is always welcoming new members 50 years of age or older to join our active organization. Dues are only \$15 per person per year with a special price of only \$30 per couple for a year and each of our dinner meetings which include enjoyable entertainment each month cost \$20 per member. Where else can you go for such a great deal? Call **Martha Glasner** at 410-486-7407 for a membership application.

## TORAH MAINTENANCE FUND

A project of the Beth El Seniors is to support the maintenance and repair of our synagogue's Torahs and Megillot. A kosher, usable Torah must be written by hand with a pen and special ink by a learned scribe. Every letter must be perfectly formed and every word must be correctly spelled. The ink cannot be chipped off even a little bit. The parchment that the Torah is written on must be flawless. The slightest tear or smudge will render the Torah unfit for use. The Beth El Torahs are regularly inspected and repaired. This is a costly process. Beth El Seniors is pleased to provide financial support for this entire process. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a process that keeps our sacred scrolls preserved for future generations. Torah Maintenance Fund cards may be purchased at the Beth El front office or call Dorothy Fineblum at 410-653-2631. These all purpose cards are six for \$10 or \$2 each.



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

**THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF BETH EL  
SISTERHOOD WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY &  
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.**

**WELCOME NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBERS**

Sisterhood will welcome its new members in the Kreitzer Memorial Room on **Sunday, September 29** at 10:00 a.m. This event will be held prior to the Paid-Up Membership Brunch. If you are a new member for the 2013-2014 season, we look forward to meeting you at this event. If you have any questions, contact **Susan Hackerman** at 410-480-2523.

**SISTERHOOD'S OPENING EVENT**

Have you received your invoice for dues in the mail?  
If you've paid it,  
You have a "free ticket" to  
the Paid-Up Membership Brunch and Program

**Sunday, September 29, 2013, 11:00 a.m.**  
Offit Auditorium

The reservation coupon or email address for your  
**RSVP by September 17** is below.  
**A reservation is required.**

Terry Nicholetti, a former teaching nun and professional actor/playwright, will portray the matriarch Bessie Bluefeld, whose "Orchid Touch" gave Bluefeld catering its edge as the premier kosher catering business in the Baltimore area throughout the mid 20th century. Terry will share the Bluefeld family's story from Russia in the 1890's to their entrepreneurial endeavors in Baltimore. Bessie's son Louis Bluefeld is currently a member of Beth El Congregation along with Honey Bluefeld Litman, his late brother Phillip's daughter.

**BIBLIO**

Sisterhood's Book Club, Biblio, invites all Beth El members to join us at our monthly Wednesday book reviews and discussion group 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. Dessert is supplied by our volunteer hostess of the month. There is no charge for Biblio.

**Saralynn Glass**, one of our most knowledgeable and popular reviewers, will present a well-considered analysis of T. Selasi's novel "*Ghana Must Go*". This story of an unusually gifted family will both amaze and shock you. Please mark the date and time on your calendar: **October 9, 2013 at noon.**

Some of us participate in the discussion that follows the selection; others listen and decide to read the book at a later date. Whatever your choice, Biblio welcomes you. If you have any questions, phone **Barbara Berkowitz 410-296-8424** or **Joan Flaks 410-486-6246.**

**PAID-UP SISTERHOOD BRUNCH COUPON**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Or email your RSVP to:  
Marcia Boonshaft: jmboonshaft@verizon.net or  
Esther Harris: teach5ech@aol.com  
Subject: Sisterhood Brunch

**RSVP by September 17, 2013**  
**WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO SEAT WALK-  
INS FOR THE BRUNCH.**

**MISHPACHA**

This is the theme that Jewish Theological Seminary has chosen for the coming year, 5774. Each benefactor who donates \$180 dollars will receive a pin reflecting this concept. Beth El Sisterhood is regarded as one of the most enthusiastic and generous supporters of JTS. We look forward to another year of your continuing involvement in our aid to future rabbis, cantors and educators at the Seminary. We wish all our sisterhood members a wonderful New Year filled with good health, happiness and peace. For information call **Jane Krosin 410-484-4218** or **Hilda Dopkin 410-486-4453.**



**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON  
SUBSCRIPTION PLAN**

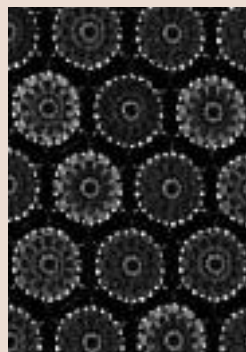
Do you forget to make reservations for monthly Sisterhood meetings? Avoid that (*and save money*) by joining our luncheon subscription plan. For \$100.00 you will have a reservation for the following six dates:  
**Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, May 19**

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

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

There are no refunds for missed meetings.

**KNIT ONE, PURL TWO**



Sisterhood is continuing with its "Knitzvah" project. Can you join this rewarding activity by donating yarn, knitting 10 X 10 inch squares, sewing them together or crocheting a border? The afghans are welcomed by assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Call Rhona Sober at 410-653-2782 if you are interested in participating in this much appreciated project.

**LIBRARY LOVERS**



The Agus Library is a wonderful facility filled with books and resources 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.**

**PREVIEW OF SISTERHOOD'S  
SPRING 2014 TRIPS**

**Registration in December**

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

**May 22, 2014 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
Guided Tours of the Shofuso, Japanese House  
and Garden, and Lemonhill Mansion  
in Fairmont Park





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The ceremony for our grandson, Spencer Joshua by Ellen and Bob Samet to The Mitzvah Fund  
The B'nai Mitzvah of Marcia Katz by Sue and Dave Schaffel to The Mitzvah Fund  
The 50th anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of Bernie Silverman by Selma Yaffe, Sheila Rosenfeld, Harriet L. Miller, Yvonne and Rene Daniel, Eleanor Ochfeld, Dana and Elliott Corn, Sonya Lansman, Gail Lipsitz, Sandy Silberman, Maryln and Larry Abrams, Adrienne and Sidney Millman, Clara and Bernie Linkoff, Stanley Merwitz, Sara and Nelson Fishman, Kathleen Cosgrove, Bea Grossfeld, Nancy Birenbaum, Lisa and Mike Pintzuk, Ronnie and Barry Gold, Carine and James McLaughlin, Laura and Gary Gallerstein, Eena and Art Feld, Lisa and Alfred Singer, Marlene Siegel, Revanne Aronoff, Janet

Penn, Jan and Gene Schwartz, Eunice and Sidney Friedman, Lori Revitz

**SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Rhona Rosengarden by Judy and Michael Baylin to The Youth Education Fund

**IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:**

Bodine Davis by Richard Davis to The Prayer Book Fund  
Adele Fishkind by Mindy and Ronnie Fishkind to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Max Baylin by Geraldine Cohen to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Sol Shaivitz by Selma and Jules Shaivitz to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Emanuel Browdy by Donna B. Goldman to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Irvin Lemel by Evelyn Hemel to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Isadore Danenberg by Simone and Larry Rosenbloom to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Irma Geller by Simone and Larry Rosenbloom to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Jack Rosenbloom by Simone and Larry Rosenbloom to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Helen Rosenbloom by Simone and Larry Rosenbloom to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Daniel DeBois by Theodore DeBois to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Diane Brown by Theodore DeBois to The Yahrzeit Fund  
Mollie Hollander Alliker by Melinda Alliker Rabb to the Adult Library Book Dedication Fund

**IN APPRECIATION FOR:**

The recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary by Sondra and Marvin Glass to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund  
Rabbi Schwartz's participation at the Jewish Community Services annual meeting by Harriet and Jimmy Berg to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund  
The hospitality shown by Naomi and Howard Rovner by Charlotte and Morris Straitman  
Rabbi Schwartz's presence during the trip to Israel by Arlene Gordon to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund  
Rabbi Schwartz's services for baby naming of great granddaughter, Sophia Maya Rosen by Bunny and Mike Roseman  
Rabbi Saroken during the Bar Mitzvah of Jared Rosen by his grandparents Marjorie and Roy Deutschman to The Max Mendelsohn Mikvah Fund

## “Immersion of the Month”

With the newly renovated Mikveh, we thought it would be a good idea to keep the congregation informed on all of the many occasions it can be used for. People may only think it is customary to go to it before weddings or for conversions, but there are many other purposes and reasons to take advantage of the holy waters. This month we feature two immersions. One is for mourning and the other is said when you feel you are on your way towards healing. Both are beautiful prayers that can make anyone feel clearer in a cloudy and hard situation. Look for new immersions each month!

### Upon Completing Sh'loshim – A Month of Mourning

Time flows through us like water.  
As long as I live, the memory lives on within me.  
May his/her memory be a blessing.

God strengthen in me the desire to strive for healing.  
Give me the courage to reach out across the abyss of grief and grasp the hands I need to hold.

I emerge from these living waters strengthened to move forward.  
May I have the courage to accept what this journey will bring. Amen.

### Toward Healing:

I come here today in hope of finding healing for my body, my heart and my soul. As I prepare my body to enter the mikveh, I also prepare my mind and spirit to release the past and allow pain to dissolve.  
May God heal me, body and soul.  
May my pain cease,  
May my strength increase,  
May my fears be released,  
May blessings, love, and joy surround me. Amen.

Compassionate God, Healer of my body,  
Healer of my soul, heal me.  
Strengthen my ailing body; soothe my aching heart;  
Mend my shattered existence.  
Make me whole.

For any questions and to make an appointment contact **Yvonne Pentove** at 410-484-0411 or email [yvonne@bethelbalto.com](mailto:yvonne@bethelbalto.com).





## MY TRIP TO ISRAEL

By Barbara Levenson

**E**ighteen years ago my husband, Marvin and I took our first trip to Israel. We returned to the United States with a greater appreciation of the courageous Israelis and their country. This year, thanks to Beth El, I was afforded the opportunity to revisit Israel. Even though my situation had changed (my husband passed away 3 years ago), my enthusiasm for a trip to Israel had not diminished.

Our trip began at the parking lot of Beth El. Everyone seemed to bond right away (somehow everyone in Pikesville knows each other in some way). When we departed for Newark Airport, I was excited and anxious at the same time. When we finally boarded El Al in the afternoon, the realization set in that I was actually on my way to Israel for a second time.



Upon our arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we were met by our young Israeli guide, who was just 31 years old. His knowledge of the country and its historical background was amazing. Any question posed to Erez was answered without hesitation. We were taken to our first stop, Caesarea, where we

observed and listened to information about the ruins found there. Wherever one goes in Israel, there are archeological digs taking place. It is awe-inspiring to view the many ancient cities and relics that the Israelis have uncovered. Their contribution to the history of mankind is invaluable.

The sights and sounds of Israel will always leave a lasting impression on me. From the bustling traffic during the weekdays in Jerusalem to the quiet contrast in that city on the Sabbath. I shall always remember Rabbi Schwartz conducting Services at the beginning and end of the Sabbath (and Dr. Bor playing a soulful melody on his clarinet). Our services were held on the balcony of our hotel, the Leonardo in Jerusalem which overlooks the Old City.

There were many memorable experiences I had while in Israel. I shall always be touched by planting an olive tree in memory of my husband. Eighteen year ago both of us planted trees in honor of our parents and grandchildren. Now I feel a part of the JNF forest. The new Olympic Training Center was another vision the Israelis have for training athletes.

However, the visit to Masada, which I had also visited before, still left me with awe. As I remembered those brave souls who

stood and fought until the end. That determination still exists in the Israelis of today. The courage of the young soldiers cannot be denied.

One cannot leave Yad Vashem without remembering what the Jewish people had to endure during those dark days. The Children's Pavilion with the many lights representing each child killed in the Holocaust left me with tears. The testimony of the survivors recalled the perils that existed, and why today it is so important for Israel to exist as a place for the Jews.

Israel, to me, was a country of contrasts. On one hand, the ancient remains of temples, the old synagogues, the western wall, the sheep herders in the mountains, and many other reminders of the past stand next to the high rises, and buildings of modern architecture that stand stately and gleaming in new cities which are being populated. Everywhere, one can see Under Armor signs, Google, and other tech companies. Israel is as modern and advanced as any country on earth.

Eighteen years ago I marveled at the Israel I saw. On this journey, I was stunned by the continuous progress that goes on in Israel. As a Jew, my trip made me appreciate the Israelis and that I was fortunate enough to experience what their country afforded me.



*Chocolate Factory at the Golan Heights*

*Petra, Jordan*





# BETH EL'S TRIP TO ISRAEL

By Susan Allen

The Beth El trip to Israel was, in one word, fantastic. We saw and did so many things that I cannot even believe that we were in Israel for only ten days. We literally got off the airplane, collected our luggage, went through customs, and started our touring. Our wonderful guide, Erez, would not let us fall asleep no matter how exhausted we were. We were exhausted, having not slept on the plane.

The first place we stopped was the ancient city of Caesarea. We visited many other ancient places – synagogues in Tzfat, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Cardo, and Masada to mention just a few. These were awe inspiring. To actually see places that we have read about in the Bible and to walk on the same stones that our forefathers and mothers walked on was amazing to me. Sitting comfortably on our bus and riding through the harsh landscape that is the Negev, I could not help but think about the Israelites wandering through land like that and finally entering the Land, conquering it and making it their own. In the Galilee, although the land is less harsh, I still pictured our ancestors conquering the land and settling there with their families. It is hard to imagine the kind of lives they led.

We also visited places that are more relevant to modern history such as, Mt. Ben Tal and saw the Syrian bunkers. We also viewed the Valley of Tears, where the major battle of the Golan war was fought. We went to the Palmach Museum and learned about how a small group of volunteers became the strong Israel Defense Forces of today. Then we saw the grave and the kibbutz home of David Ben Gurion. We saw the Ayalon Institute where the Jewish underground made the bullets necessary for victory in the War of Independence and visited Yad Vashem where we were overwhelmed by the cruelty of people to other people.

While in Israel we got to visit such wonderful places and do such wonderful things. We planted our own trees in the Jewish National Forest on our way to Tel Aviv. I would love to go back in ten years and see our trees. I planted an almond tree; I would love to eat almonds from my tree one day. The Olympic Center was an outstanding display; the Israelis have

such pride in their athletic accomplishments. Our stop at the Golan Winery for a tour and wine tasting was refreshing. The wine was delicious and learned that I can go to a local store and buy wine that was made and bottled at the Golan Winery.

Rabbi Schwartz led evening services outside of our hotel in the Galilee one evening. It was amazing; standing in our Land, facing Tiberius, and saying the familiar words that we say here at Beth El. Rabbi Schwartz led a service on Friday evening on the terrace outside our hotel. Again, we were in our Land, the Land of Israel, we were now in the city of Jerusalem and we were facing the Temple Mount. We could actually see the walls of the Old City. Wow! Of course, Rabbi Schwartz led Havdalah services at the same place the next evening. Dr. Bor regaled us with his clarinet.

I cannot possibly write about every single thing that we did – our meals (most of them, very good), visiting with my Israeli cousins whom I had not seen in many years (one of them I had not seen in forty years), and our absolutely fantastic trip to Petra, Jordan, and the list goes on.

What made the biggest impression on me? Don't laugh, please. On our last day in Israel we went to a Middle Eastern restaurant. There was another American tour group there. They were from California. One of the men from that group came over to our group and introduced himself. He was originally from Baltimore and of course we played Jewish geography. He knew people that we knew and in fact had been best friends with one of our member's relatives. He also knew a cousin of mine and had gone to college with him. It is a small world. But that is not what made the greatest impression on me. It was July 4. Someone from our group started singing "God Bless America." Everyone in the restaurant joined in. Then we sang "The Star Spangled Banner" with Dr. Bor accompanying us on his clarinet. Everyone in that restaurant was standing and singing along. It was very moving. Dr. Bor played a couple of other Israeli tunes and then led us in "Hatikvah." Again, everyone stood and everyone sang. This singing of the national anthems by everyone in that restaurant in Tel Aviv is what made the biggest impression on me. I am proud to be an American and I am proud to be Jewish and I am so glad that I was able to visit Israel this year.



The group visited a winery at the Golan Heights.



This photo was taken in a Jewish National Fund forest near Jerusalem. Pictured are Joanne and Marshal Rief.

## HONORING JEWISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

By Barry Steelman

Dear Friends:

First, I want to personally thank each of the participants for making this the most successful Memorial Flag Project that we have had. We nearly doubled the number of people from last year with almost 40 participants. However, why I say it was the most successful is because this year was truly defining of why I call it the "L'Dor V'Dor Mitzvah Project." We had 7 young families with a total of 16 children. Our participants ranged in age from 7 to 93, with 3 WWII Veterans included in our group. Those of you that brought your children and/or grandchildren are clearly teaching them the importance of respecting their elders; remembering the significant contribution to our country made by past Jewish generations who served in the military; and the power of doing and performing - a mitzvah. On Preakness weekend, all you parents and grandparents won the Trifecta.

I want to give a special thanks to Mike Blumenfeld for getting a number of his friends and their families from the Tribe Motorcycle club to join us. He also helped as one of the group leaders. Additionally, I also want to thank Jill Eisen for her help in advertising the project to the Beth El School, obtaining volunteers and participating in the project as well.

We were able to remove the old flags and respect our deceased veterans by placing nearly 300 flags during our two hour journey to 18 Jewish Cemeteries in four separate locations. Great job by all!

The Jewish War Veteran is the oldest of all American Veterans Organizations. It was formed in 1896 by 78 Jewish Civil War Veterans at a meeting in New York City. The Preamble to the Constitution for the JWV in part is "... to honor their memory and



shield from neglect the graves of our heroic dead." On behalf of Jewish War Veterans Post 888, I again thank the participants for their time in order for us to faithfully carry on this time honored tradition.



## 10 things you should never buy again:

1. **Styrofoam cups** – They're not biodegradable.
2. **Paper towels** - wastes forest resources, landfill space, and your money.
3. **Bleached coffee filters** - Dioxins, chemicals formed during the chlorine bleaching process, contaminate groundwater and air and are linked to cancer in humans and animals.
4. **Teak and mahogany** - Every year, 27 million acres of tropical rainforest (an area the size of Ohio) are destroyed. Rainforests cover 6% of Earth's surface and are home to over half of the world's wild plant, animal, and insect species. The Amazon rainforest produces 40% of the world's oxygen.
5. **Chemical pesticides and herbicides** - American households use 80 million pounds of pesticides each year. The EPA found at least one pesticide in almost every water and fish sample from streams and in more than one-half of shallow wells sampled in agricultural and urban areas. These chemicals pose threats to animals and people, especially children.
6. **Conventional household cleaners** - Household products can contain hazardous ingredients such as organic solvents and petroleum-based chemicals that can release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into your indoor environment, posing a particular danger for children. The average American household has three to ten of hazardous matter in the home.
7. **Toys made with PVC plastic** - 70% of PVC is used in construction, but it is also found in everyday plastics, including some children's toys. Vinyl chloride, the chemical used to make PVC, is a known human carcinogen. Also, additives, such as lead and cadmium, are sometimes added to PVC to keep it from breaking down; these additives can be particularly dangerous in children's toys. PVC is also the least recycled plastic.
8. **Plastic forks and spoons** - Disposable plastic utensils are not biodegradable and not recyclable in most areas.
9. **Farm-raised salmon** - Several studies, including one performed by researchers at Indiana University, have found that PCB's and other environmental toxins are present at higher levels in farm raised salmon than wild salmon.
10. **Rayon** - Developed and manufactured by DuPont as the world's first synthetic fiber, it is made from liquefied wood pulp. Unfortunately, turning wood into rayon is wasteful and dirty, because lots of water and chemicals are needed to extract usable fibers from trees. Only about a third of the pulp obtained from a tree will end up in finished rayon thread. The resulting fabrics usually require dry cleaning, which is an environmental concern as well as an added expense and inconvenience.

<http://www.unionplus.org/green-environmentally-friendly-tips#buy>

## 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



"We are proud at Beth El Congregation to be one of the many synagogues sponsoring the Green and Just Celebrations Guide. We believe the Guide will raise the community's commitment to celebrating life cycle events in the most environmentally friendly and responsible way possible. This enhances not only the joy of these sacred occasions, but also the sense of mitzvah that is part and parcel of what they are all about. The more people involved the better it is for everyone! Let's keep spreading the word!"  
—Rabbi Steve Schwartz

To view the online version, visit [www.BmoreGreenandJust.org](http://www.BmoreGreenandJust.org)



*This past spring, the Environmental Committee held a very successful shredding and e-cycle event to coordinate with the Lag B'Omer celebration. The event raised over \$1400 and we were thrilled to present Rabbi Schwartz with a check for \$1000 to be used for his discretionary fund. Another event is being planned for the fall, stay tuned for more information. We hope to see you there! From left to right: Past Social Action Committee Co-Chair, Betty Zlotowitz, Rabbi Steven Schwartz, and Environmental Committee Chairman, Donna Brown*



BETH EL  
LEGACY SOCIETY

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

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

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

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

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





THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB CENTER  
FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING AT  
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DO WE HAVE A STORY FOR YOU!

**Gilbert Sandler**  
Thursday, October 17

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

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



**Join Beth El for fun learning!** These evenings will be light and enjoyable for anyone. We will sell beer and wine and provide non-alcoholic beverages for all.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAYS KICK-OFF PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 2

**Clipper City Brass Quintet** – Known for their artistry and adventurous programming, the Clipper City Brass is comprised of five virtuoso brass players who have performed with some of America's most esteemed orchestras. CCBQ will perform Jewish music, jazz and Broadway tunes.

TZION BALTIMORE CLASSES 2013-2014

Instructor: Neil Rubin, PhD

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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](mailto:jmax@towson.edu).



\*October 7: Etgar Keret at TU

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| 1. October 15  | 9. December 17  | 17. March 11                |
| 2. October 22  | 10. January 14  | 18. March 25                |
| 3. October 29  | 11. January 21  | 19. April 1                 |
| 4. November 5  | 12. January 28  | 20. April 8                 |
| 5. November 12 | 13. February 4  | 21. April 29                |
| 6. November 19 | 14. February 11 | (make-up date if necessary) |
| 7. December 3  | 15. February 18 |                             |
| 8. December 10 | 16. February 25 |                             |

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Fall 2013 (10 sessions)

cost: \$180  
October: 9, 16, 23, 30  
November: 6, 13, 20  
December: 4, 11, 18

Spring 2014 (15 sessions)

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## FAMILY ROOM PROGRAMS

### BEGINNING SEPTEMBER

#### Zumbini

*Mondays, September 9 – October 28, 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.*  
Designed for children 0 to 3 years old and their caregivers, this program takes little ones on their first steps toward a healthy, active life. Together, adults and their young children wiggle, sing, and learn, for the ultimate bonding experience! \$120 Beth El members, \$150 non-members.

#### Sensory Exploration

*Mondays, September 9 – October 14, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.*  
This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 9-18 month old children. Children will have sensory experiences, music, finger plays and Jewish holiday experiences under the supervision of an infant toddler developmental specialist. Six week session is \$75.

#### My Grown Up and Me

*Tuesdays, September 10 through December 17, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 18-24 month old children. Children will have art experiences, music, finger plays and Jewish holiday experiences under the supervision of a trained toddler teacher. Cost \$350 member; \$380 non-member.

#### Zumba

*Tuesdays, September 10 through November 19, 9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.*  
Come and workout at Beth El after you drop off your kids. (Adults Only) Certified Zumba instructor. \$100

#### Lunch Bunch

*Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.*  
Need a place to go for lunch after school and before nap? Purchase Mac & Cheese on Mondays and/or Pizza on Wednesdays or bring your own lunch and go into the family room for lunch and playtime. CDs and movies are available. There is no charge for this program. Beginning September 4th.

#### Music Together

*Wednesdays, September 25 – November 20 from 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.*  
CD (two copies), songbook & DVD. Beth El Congregation families receive 10% off of Music Together with code: "BEC". Register at [www.itsgroovybaby.com](http://www.itsgroovybaby.com)

### BEGINNING OCTOBER

#### Bim Bam Shabbat Drop-In

*Fridays, starting October 4 - December 13, 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.*  
Join us for one half hour of Shabbat songs, activities and snacks. Then join our school-wide Shabbat celebration at 9:30 a.m. if you want. No charge.

#### Make Your Own Playgroup

Reserve our Family Room for you and your friends. Come in the morning, afternoon or for lunch. Need a few different toys or a new place to play. Hang out in the Family Room with your friends and their children. Maybe make it a lunch date. Call to reserve the room. 410-602-2245. Free

### BEGINNING NOVEMBER

#### Sensory Exploration

*Mondays, November 4 – December 16, 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.*  
This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 9-18 month old children. Children will have sensory experiences, music, finger plays and Jewish holiday experiences under the supervision of an infant toddler developmental specialist. Six week session is \$75.

#### Grand Play

*Thursdays, November 7 - December 19, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*  
This is a playgroup for grandparents and their grandchildren. All children ages 3 and under may attend. This is an open playroom time. Grandparents can meet other grandparents while the children play. There is no charge for Beth El members. \$10 per class for non-members.

**All parents welcome. You do not have to be Beth El members or have a child in the Beth El Early Childhood Program.** Reservations a must for all programs. Please email **Mandy Barish** at [mandy@bethelbalto.com](mailto:mandy@bethelbalto.com) or call the school office 410-602-2245.



## IT'S BACK! 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!

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

## HEBREW SCHOOL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

*By Jill Eisen*

Five years ago we started with one Neighborhood School in Federal Hill with seven students. Today there are six Neighborhood Schools with almost 100 students. The locations include sites in Carroll County, Federal Hill, Howard County, Hunt Valley and Roland Park. We made Jewish education convenient, flexible and accessible to families who have a difficult time getting their children to Beth El during the week for a variety of reasons.

Carroll County is our newest addition. Who knew there were Jewish families living in Westminster and the outlying areas? Dr. Bor knew. He hired long-time Beth El member and recently retired public school assistant principal, Sid Molofsky to work with us to find the families. Through creative and clever marketing, advertising and open houses the Neighborhood Schools in Carroll County were born. Classes are held on Thursdays in Robert Moton and Carrolltowne Elementary Schools for children ranging in ages 4 – 13. The students are learning Hebrew, Torah, Jewish values, Jewish holidays and rituals and so much more. The students have access to Bar and Bat Mitzvah lessons, a traveling Sukkah and an amazing staff, Sid, Allison Goldbloom and Barbara Arbesman. For more information on Hebrew Schools in Your Neighborhood contact **Jill Eisen**: [jill@bethelbalto.com](mailto:jill@bethelbalto.com) or 410-484-4543.



## AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

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### A Little About Susie...

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



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10-DAY LEADERSHIP MISSION TO ISRAEL

Tuesday Evenings, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
October 2013 through May 2014



THE LEADER IN YOURSELF  
LEADERSHIP VALUES  
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BETH EL CONGREGATION  
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## TAILGATING & Sukkah Decorating Party at Beth El

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- SUNDAY, September 15th at 1:30 a.m. Offit Aud -  
Kickoff is at 1:00 p.m.



### THE DETAILS

Watch the first home game of the season  
on a HUGE screen! Invite your friends!

While we watch the Ravens defeat the  
Browns, help decorate the  
Beth El School Sukkah.

Decorating activities will be for all ages.

Lunch will be available for \$3.00  
Your choice of Hotdogs or Chicken Nuggets, Drinks & Beer, Chips, and Coleslaw

**FREE POPCORN**

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

# of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Money Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP to Fran Davis in the Religious School, [fran@bethelbalto.com](mailto:fran@bethelbalto.com), 410-484-4543 or  
Mandy Bersh in the Preschool, [mandy@bethelbalto.com](mailto:mandy@bethelbalto.com), 410-802-2246

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Senior Rabbi	Steven P. Schwartz
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Executive Director	Gilbert Kleiner, F.S.A.
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Director of Development	Ailene Sher
Assistant Administrator	Andrew Katz
Event Coordinator	Diane Cole
Communications Coordinator	Amanda Freed
Designer	Amy Wells
President	Jerry Schnydmann
Sisterhood Presidents	Judy Pachino and Marlene Siegel
Beth El Seniors Presidents	Martha Glasner and Ruthye Steinberg

**Rabbi Jacob B. Agus, ז"ל (1911-1986) Founding Rabbi**  
**Rabbi Mark G. Loeb, ז"ל (1944-2009)**  
**Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman, ז"ל (1926-2008)**

**Dated Material**  
**Please Deliver by September 1**

**Join us for**  
**Band, Beer, & Fun**  
featuring "Swimmin' With Sharks"  
**Saturday, November 2**  
**8:00 p.m., Offit Auditorium.**

\$15 members,  
\$20 non-members,  
tickets at the door \$20.00  
For information please call  
**Yvonne at 410-484-0411**  
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*Your check is your reservation.*



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop



## THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE!

**The first night of Rosh Hashanah is  
Wednesday, September 4.**

Check out our new line of soy oil candles...they are perfect in any room of your home or to take as a host gift as you visit friends and family during the High Holiday season!

We are carrying 6 different scents of the SOI Company candles. The kosher soy oil burns cleaner than paraffin-based candles and they burn approximately 40% longer than regular candles.

The candles are handmade in the USA.

The most amazing thing about the candles is that the melt pool, left when the candle is extinguished, can be used as a fabulous skin moisturizer! The oil can be massaged into dry or irritated skin and can be an effective remedy for sunburn, eczema, and psoriasis.

Please stop in the Shop to see the candles, and our entire selection of holiday items!

### Hours:

**Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon**

**Monday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Tuesday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Wednesday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Thursday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Friday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

For appointment, contact **Barbara Green**, by phone: **410-486-4080** or by email.