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## SUE KOHN TO CONSULT FOR GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN



We are delighted to announce that Sue Kohn has been hired as a consultant for our Generations Campaign. Sue has served as Vice President of Campaign at the Associated for 18 years, Development Director at Park School for 10 years and as a fundraising consultant for 6 years.

As a member of Beth El, she is especially enthusiastic about joining the team and sharing her knowledge. She is anxious to provide support, guidance and assistance where needed. She is very optimistic about this campaign and the ability to reach our goal.

—Sandy Berman and Jerry Schnydmann (Co-Chairs)

*Sue Kohn brings several years of fundraising expertise to the campaign.*



Please join us in the Offit Auditorium for the

## 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2014  
6:15 p.m.

Picnic-style Dinner

Rabbi Steven Schwartz will speak on 2020: A Synagogue Odessey

Presentation and Vote on the 2014 By-laws

RSVP to Sandi Block at 410-484-0411 or sandi@bethelbalto.com by Friday, May 16

Childcare available by advance reservation.

*This meeting is for members of the congregation only.*

## Beth El By-Laws Review

Our congregation's by-laws require a substantive review every five years. We last completed this exercise in 2008, and it has been my pleasure to once again chair this review committee.

We began our process last May and have met monthly ever since then, quite often meeting twice in some months. Our meetings have lasted between 3-4 hours on most dates, and not one word in the existing by-Laws has escaped our scrutiny.

Although this was a collaborative effort, I would be remiss in not recognizing Hedy From as our "scribe." She kept meticulous notes of our questions, observations, discussions and ultimately our suggested revisions. Our task

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## BETH EL CONGREGATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2014-2016

### Board of Trustees and Officers

President .....	Jerome D. Schnydmann
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### Board Members Term Expiring in 2015

Susan Allen	Saralynn Glass	Jennifer Millman	Stanley Scherr
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Joan Grayson Cohen	Lisa Luray	Jeffrey Saval	

### Board Members Term Expiring in 2016

Jennifer Berman	William Intner	Steve Kravet	Morris Saks
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Hedy From	Steven Katz	Roger McIntosh	

### Past Presidents

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**Dr. William Raffel	**Klaus Buchdahl	Albert M. Katz	Michael D. Steinhardt
**Julius Offit	Mildred Miller	Alan S. Dorenfeld	Raphael Kahn
**Milton Roseman	Sidney Friedman	John P. Abosch	Steven D. Silverman
**Milton Snyder	**Max Mendelsohn	Margot Gilbert Gillson	**Deceased

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

Mrs. Molly Bereson on the loss of her beloved sister, Judith Blank.  
 Mr. Gary Gensler on the loss of his beloved mother, Jane Gensler.  
 Mr. Robert Grosshandler on the loss of his beloved mother, Sylvia Grosshandler.  
 Dr. Shari Kohn on the loss of her beloved father, Gerald Ivan Cohen.  
 The Family of Mr. Herbert Matz.  
 Dr. Stephen Matz and Mr. Robert Matz on the loss of their father, Wilbur Matz.  
 Mrs. Stefanie Penn and Mrs. Elise Harrison on the loss of their beloved mother, Adrienne Greenspun.  
 Dr. Barry Reicher on the loss of his beloved father, Leon Reicher.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Helaine Kasoff, wife of Harvey Kasoff

**OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:**

Mr. and Mrs. John Abosch on the birth of a grandson, Ryan Alexander Abosch.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Shepard Brown on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Elliot Stelle Brown.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Andy Chernoff on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Brooke Shayna Chernoff.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Neil Friedman on the engagement of their son, Steven to Annie Farber; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Friedman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Garfield on the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Uhlfelder to Eugene Feldman; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Friedman and Mr. and Mrs. David Uhlfelder.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grilli on the marriage of their daughter, Michelle Grilli to Aaron Saltzman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grilli on the birth of a grandson, Bernard "Dov Ber" Grilli.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Himelfarb on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah Beth Himelfarb. Grandparents are Harvey and Harriet Nusbaum.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Janet on the engagement of their son, Adam to Corrine Bernstein; grandmother is Mrs. Miriam Smelkinson.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koff on the birth of a granddaughter Ivy Mae Koff.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Kuryk on the marriage of their son, Benjamin to Rachel Goldstein.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher La Testa on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Haylie Cassidy La Testa; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kreitzer; great grandmother is Mrs. Evelyn Berman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lehr on the birth of a great granddaughter, Tiferet Friedman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Matt Levinson on the birth of their son, Zachary Cole Levinson; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira Levinson.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Nusinov on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sophie Emma Nusinov; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nusinov.  
 Mrs. Eileen Offit on the birth of her great-grandson, Evan Ryan Appelbaum.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Shemer on the birth of a grandson, Dylan Levi Shemer.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snyder on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Shelby Morgan Snyder.  
 Mr. Scott Taylor and Dr. Sharon Propper on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lexi Brooke Taylor.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tilles on the birth of a grandson Shane Angelo Lam.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Whiteman on the birth of a daughter, Nadia Elyse Whiteman, grandparents are Mrs. Jeanne Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whiteman.

**MAY 2014 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES**

Melissa & Sean Ulsaker on their 5th  
 Beth & Jason Cohen on their 15th  
 Shari and Steven Hawtof on their 15th  
 Deborah & Stanley Holzman on their 15th  
 Sharon & Scott Taylor on their 15th  
 Renee & Michael Gerber on their 20th  
 Stella & Harvey Gold on their 20th  
 Phyllis and Sheldon Bloom on their 25th  
 Stephanie & Neil Friedman on their 25th  
 Barbara & Paul Cooper on their 30th  
 Susan & Mark Levy on their 30th  
 Peggy & Robert Matz on their 30th  
 Vera & Gabriel Pinter on their 30th  
 Roslyn & Albert Katz on their 45th  
 Phyllis & Fred London on their 50th  
 Marcia & David Yumkas on their 50th

**BAR & BAT MITZVAH**



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Sophie Emma Nusinov**, daughter of Andrea and Craig Nusinov will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah May 17, 2014



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Haylie Cassidy La Testa**, daughter of Regan and Christopher La Testa will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah May 17, 2014.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Elliot Stelle Brown**, son of Shepard and Donna Brown will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah May 24, 2014.



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Lexi Brooke Taylor**, daughter of Sharon Propper and Scott Taylor will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah May 24, 2014.



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Brooke Shayna Chernoff**, daughter of Andrew and Cheryl Chernoff will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah May 31, 2014



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Sarah Beth Himelfarb**, daughter of Tacey and Lawrence Himelfarb will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah May 31, 2014.



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Shelby Morgan Snyder**, daughter of Rebecca and Michael Snyder will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah June 7, 2014.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Thursday, May 1

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

### Friday, May 2

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:41 p.m.

### Saturday, May 3

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

### Monday, May 5

Yom HaAtzma'ut  
Morning Service 7:45 a.m.  
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 9

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:48 p.m.

### Saturday, May 10

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

### Friday, May 16

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 7:54 p.m.

### Saturday, May 17

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

### Sunday, May 18

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

### Friday, May 23

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

### Saturday, May 24

**Parsha of the Week – Bemidbar**  
Morning Services 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 8:30 p.m.

### Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

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

### Friday, May 30

Morning Service  
Rosh Chodesh Sivan 7:45 a.m.  
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 8:06 p.m.

### Saturday, May 31

**Parsha of the Week – Naso**  
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 8:30 p.m.

## SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

### Morning

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.  
*Rosh Chodesh* 7:45 a.m.  
*Shabbat* 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday & Legal Holidays 9:15 a.m.

### Evening

Monday – Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Friday 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday sundown\*  
Sunday & Legal Holidays 5:30 p.m.

\*Check website or call 410-580-2727

## IN MEMORIAM

**ADRIANNE GREENSPUN**  
STAFF MEMBER AND DEAR FRIEND

**HERBERT MATZ**

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).

Please join us to honor our Torah on the  
occasion of the

## HOLIDAY OF SHAVUOT

And....

As we honor our wise and inspiring  
Teacher of Torah

## SANDY WINTERS

**Shavuot, Tuesday, June 3**  
**7:00 p.m., Gorn Chapel**

Study sessions will be led by Rabbi Steven Schwartz,  
Rabbi Dana Saroken and Cantor Thom King. This will be an  
evening of learning and an opportunity to pay tribute to Sandy  
Winters for all she has shared with Beth El Congregation.

**RSVP to Yvonne at [yvonne@bethelbalto.com](mailto:yvonne@bethelbalto.com) or  
410-484-0411.**



## A NOTE OF THANKS TO THE BETH EL FAMILY

My dearest family,

In the Scriptures, we are admonished to perform deeds of lovingkindness. During my several illnesses, two of them nearly lethal, your deeds of loving-kindness went a long way to spark my resilience. And though I am not yet fully recovered, your kindness has given me the ability to push on to the end of what has been a bumpy road.

It is difficult to put into words the emotion a gravely ill patient feels as he comes out of a drugged stupor to find Rabbi Schwartz and Cantor King by his bedside, or the delight of seeing Rabbi Saroken as she enters his hospital room. But the absolute pleasure of a Beth El presence goes even further.

I'll always remember Yvonne's compassion as she fielded my pesky calls to the clergy, the thrill and honor of

reviewing the new Mazon with Mike, a truly genuine scholar, Gil's cheerful telephone call when I was recovering from one of my illnesses, Betsy's cheerful greeting when I met her at the volunteer reception in one of my rehab places, and Barry and Jerry's many, many visits during those illnesses.

Thus, those deeds of lovingkindness will always remind me that your presence represents a more effective medicine than any that a doctor could prescribe. You light up my life. You make my spirit soar. Many thanks, a thousand times over, for your love and compassion during a truly nightmarish period. G-d love you always.

Forever yours,  
John Hillman

You are Cordially Invited to  
**SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 10th 10:00 a.m.**  
THIS HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR IS LED ENTIRELY BY  
SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

A WONDERFUL SERVICE FOR THE ENTIRE  
CONGREGATION FOLLOWED BY A KIDDUSH



**May 4th, 5th and 6th –  
10th Year Anniversary  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Beth El Sisterhood welcomes its 10th annual Unique Boutique Sunday, May 4, Monday, May 5, and Tuesday, May 6. Over 40 vendors and artisans will be selling a variety of products such as clothing, accessories, jewelry, pocketbooks and belts, gifts for the home, flowers, Judaica, personalized gifts, stationery, cosmetics, and toys.

Among our new exhibitors will be Aria Handmade from North Carolina with hand-created women's clothing and accessories, Buckles 'n Bling from Connecticut, Metal Aesthetics from Delaware, Creations by El, Lena Long Jewelry, Ibhana Creations, RSVP, Belted Cow, It's In The Bag, Into the Woods, Leslie Jewitt Designs from DC, Con Gioia Lucia, Creations by Edy Bondroff, and Lynne Shpak Custom Creations.

Many of our favorite returning vendors are Iris Essentials, La Cigale (French provincial linens), Faye Mendelsohn Cosmetics, Accessories by Bonnie, Glam Girls, DG Designs, Jerusalem Products, Kids Stop, Swirl, The Jewelry Lady, Sparkle 'n Bloom, Ahava Products, Magic Bubble Shirt, Invitations by Beth, Yatra Collections, Barbara Brody Designs, Harlow Originals and many others.

Customers may win products and services donated by vendors and area merchants by purchasing raffles throughout the three-day show. Raffle tickets are sold for \$5 each, 3 for \$10, and 8 for \$20. The Unique Boutique Cafe will serve you lunch, drinks and snacks.

There will be coupons in Smart Shopper and Valpak in your mail. On each day the holder of the winning coupon will receive a cash prize of \$100. You must submit the coupon in person, but you don't have to be present for the drawing at 5:00 p.m. each day. **Coupons will not be accepted by mail.**

Please communicate with friends and family by Facebook or any other social media and tell everyone to come to Beth El Sisterhood's Unique Boutique to shop for spring needs and gifts.

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON**

**Monday, May 19th 11:30 a.m.  
Closing Meeting**

Installation of Officers and New Board Members

Guest Speaker: Edward Polichick  
Conductor, Pianist, Harpsichordist, Lecturer



Versatile and critically-acclaimed conductor, Mr. Edward Polichick is the Artistic Director of Concert Artists of Baltimore, an all-professional orchestra and vocal ensemble of eighty musicians which he founded in 1987. "Polichick is a virtuoso pianist, a solid symphonic conductor, and an expert in choral music, and his versatility is reflected in every program he conducts." — *The Baltimore Sun*

**JANET PENN NOMINATED FOR FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION 2014**

**Award for Woman of Action**



Janet Penn is a woman of action. Her energy and enthusiasm have made an indelible impact on the growth and development of Beth El Sisterhood. We are proud to nominate her as our candidate for the Federation of Jewish Women's Organization Woman of Action Award for 2014.

Janet Penn has served two terms as president of Sisterhood and provided leadership to its numerous activities. She developed a directory resulting in simplifying communication with our members. The successful volunteer system Janet organized for our annual Unique Boutique has been in place since in 2004. Beth El Sisterhood is known for its interesting and exciting trips, a committee Janet co-chaired for several years. Because of her experience and ongoing participation in sisterhood activities, she has been chairperson of the nominating committee. Janet currently volunteers in the Judaica Shop and continues to be involved in the activities of sisterhood. Her knowledge of the organization makes her a valuable mentor to all of us.

Janet's congregational support has to be noted. In addition to serving on the Beth El Congregation Board of Directors, she has served on the committee that refurbished the Jacob B. Agus Library. Her most recent endeavor was co-chairing the Scholar in Residence Program in 2013.

**BIBLIO**

On **Wednesday, May 14**, at noon in the Kolker Room prepare yourself for a most engaging afternoon. Frida Fraiman will review **THE SISTERS WEISS** by Naomi Ragen. What happens when an Orthodox bride escapes her own wedding? What are the consequences? Frida, as always, will present a penetrating analysis and you may wish to join in the ensuing discussion.

Please bring a brown bag dairy lunch. Our hostess, Anita Kay, will provide dessert and Beth El generously provides tea and coffee.

Any questions? Please phone **Carol Cummins at 410-486-1504 or Joan Flaks at 410-486-6246.**

**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

This has been a banner year for our Torah Fund program which helps support the Jewish Theological Seminary. We are proud of our 40 benefactors at \$180 each, and the many generous contributions by sisterhood members. We offer beautiful all occasion cards, six for \$18.00 or one for \$4.00. Cards can be purchased by calling either **Jane Krosin at 410-484-4218 or Hilda Dopkin 410-486-4453.**

**SISTERHOOD CLOSING MEETING & LUNCHEON  
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014, 11:30 a.m.**

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

**If you are not a subscription holder**, send a check made out to: Beth El Sisterhood for \$20 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** need to notify Marcia Boonshaft at [jmboonshaft@verizon.net](mailto:jmboonshaft@verizon.net) (410-484-3112) or Esther Harris: [teach5ech@aol.com](mailto:teach5ech@aol.com) (410-486-3177)

**We regret that we are unable to seat walk-ins for the luncheon. However, all are welcome to attend the program which begins at 1:00 p.m.**

**RSVP by Thursday, May 8**

## NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

New Members: **Michele Better, Florence Eisen, Sibyl Gordon, Linda Hark, Robin Kleiman, Marlene Sereboff, Judith Tortora**

## SPRING SISTERHOOD TRIP

\***Thursday, May 22, 2014** – Philadelphia, PA, Shofuso Japanese House and Garden and Lemon Hill Mansion

\**Waiting list only. If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Penn [spenn3@verizon.net](mailto:spenn3@verizon.net) (410-486-2667) or Linda Mondell [lhmondell@gmail.com](mailto:lhmondell@gmail.com) (410-486-1542).*

## SISTERHOOD'S FALL 2014 TRIPS

Registration for these trips will be on **Monday, May 19, 2014**

### **Tuesday, September 9 Winterthur Museum, Wilmington, Delaware**

**JOIN US AT WINTERTHUR MUSEUM TO SEE THE COSTUMES OF DOWNTON ABBEY.** Tour the House and Gardens. This will be followed by High Tea at the DuPont Hotel. Costumes of Downton Abbey is an original exhibition of exquisite designs from the award-winning television series. Forty historically inspired costumes from the television show will be displayed and supplemented by photographs and vignettes inspired by the fictional program and by real life at Winterthur. Visitors will have a chance to step into and experience the world of Downton Abbey® and the contrasting world of Winterthur founder Henry Francis du Pont and his contemporaries in the first half of the 20th century.  
**Cost \$110.**

### **Tuesday, October 28 Odyssey Cruise, Washington DC and the Freer Sackler Galleries**

**JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT ESCAPE ON THE WATER!** Step aboard Washington DC's most elegant cruising vessel for distinctive dining of an elegant lunch with exceptional service and delightful ambiance. See unmatched spectacular views of Washington DC's historic monuments. Odyssey is the only vessel designed specifically to travel under the historic bridges spanning the Potomac. Odyssey offers exclusive river views of the nation's greatest monuments from every table. At times when wind and tide conditions prevent navigation to the Kennedy Center and Georgetown, an alternative route south on the Potomac and past historical Old Town Alexandria will be taken.

Following the cruise we will visit The Freer Gallery located on the National Mall, a museum showcasing Asian artwork. Exhibits include displays of a variety of artwork including sculptures, paintings, ceramics, and more. Artwork from China, India, Egypt, Japan, Nepal, Persia, Korea, Syria, and the Kushan Empire is among the works on display. The Gallery is associated with the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. Through underground connections, the Freer Gallery is connected to the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, National Museum of African Art, and S. Dillon Ripley Center.  
**Cost \$120.**

### **Thursday, December 4 Baltimore Museum of Art**

**JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING VISIT TO THE NEW AMERICAN WING.** In November the BMA will celebrate its 100th Anniversary by reopening the historic Merrick Entrance and the renovated Dorothy McIlvain Scott American Wing. We will visit the BMA's outstanding collection of American paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts--considered one of the finest on the East Coast. Lunch will be at Gertrude's on your own.

Following the BMA we will go to the Cordetti Glass Blowing Studio and Gallery where we will have a glass blowing demonstration. We will then have time to visit the Gallery.  
**Cost \$60.**

Registration for these trips will be on **Monday, May 19, 2014** starting at 9:00 a.m. You may register for as many trips as you wish. Download your form from the Beth El website ([bethelbalto.com](http://bethelbalto.com)) or pick them up at the Beth El Congregation reception desk.



Rabbi Schwartz presented his views on *My Promised Land—The Triumph and Tragedy* by Avi Shavit at the March Book Review and Petite Luncheon event. The book discusses a personal narrative history of the state of Israel.



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

#### **STORE HOURS**

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Or by appointment, call **Barbara Green 410-486-4080**

**The Judaica Shop  
is carrying 2014  
Mah Jongg cards this year!  
The regular cards are \$8 and the  
large print cards are \$9.  
Please contact Barbara Green,  
[barbsg@aol.com](mailto:barbsg@aol.com) or 410.486.4080  
to order or for more information.**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

*Honoring Beth El's Clergy for 40 Years of Service*

*The GENERATIONS Campaign Kickoff*

*Sunday, September 14, 2014*

7:00 P.M. @ RUBIN SANCTUARY  
FEATURING "THE CAPITOL STEPS" @ DESSERT RECEPTION  
INVITATION TO FOLLOW

BETH EL CONGREGATION



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would have been impossible without her hard work.

Speaking of hard work, I would like to recognize the other committee members for their extraordinary efforts: Bruce Friedman, Fred Kobb, Jennifer Millman, Ken Niman, Michael Rubenstein, Jerry Schnydmann and Gil Kleiner, our Executive Director.

The following is a "rough" summary of some of the major revisions for your review. Look these over as it will help you navigate the full revision document if you wish to receive it. It will also help you understand why the revisions were made. If you would like a copy of the complete by-laws revisions, please check our website after Monday, April 28. If you would like a copy on a CD or a paper copy, please email **Gil Kleiner**, Executive Director, at [gil@bethelbalto.com](mailto:gil@bethelbalto.com), and he will arrange to have a copy for you to pick up at the office.

Please look over the by-law revisions synopsis. **If you have any questions please contact me at [stevensilvermanlaw@gmail.com](mailto:stevensilvermanlaw@gmail.com) or call me at my office at 410-581-9000 prior to Friday, May 9.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven D. Silverman  
IPP Beth El Congregation  
Chair, By Law Review Committee

## SYNOPSIS OF SOME OF THE MAJOR BY-LAWS CHANGES

#1. Removal of the words "Constitution and" in the heading so that it now reads:

### By-Laws of Beth El Congregation of Baltimore, Inc. -

**Reasoning:** This was done because the words "Constitution" etc were not needed and technically, not correct.

#2. **OLD BY-LAW #4.1** – Any person of the Jewish Faith, as defined in accordance with the tenets of the Conservative Movement, is eligible to apply for membership in this Congregation upon attaining the age of majority.

### THE NEW BY-LAW #4.1

"Membership privileges are open to any person of the Jewish faith, upon attaining the age of majority, whether that identity is established by birth or by conversion as approved by the Senior Rabbi. The Congregation is committed to the ideal of inclusion by welcoming extended family of members, even those who practice other faiths, and by encouraging their participation in the life of the Congregation as much as possible." -

**Reasoning:** We felt that the wording was clearer and less ambiguous.  
NOTE: Rabbi Schwartz has reviewed and approved of this new language

#3. **NEW BY-LAW 5.3K** - Requires the President: To appoint a committee every five (5) years for the purpose of reviewing the long term Congregational goals and strategies to achieve said goals consistent with the Congregation's mission and vision statements. If, in the interim, any matter requiring consideration of such a committee arises, then the President shall appoint a committee for that specific purpose at that time.  
**Reasoning:** We felt that since the By-Laws were reviewed every 5 years, the long range strategic plan should also be reviewed at the same frequency.

#4. **Deletion of By-Law 5.6** - elimination of the office of the 3rd Vice President

**Reasoning:** We felt that the original purpose of the office was to liaise with the proposed Day School that we were contemplating establishing. Since that did not occur, the School committee has now been headed by a parent, and the Adult Ed committee is now supervised by the Director of Education, this position, which was not considered a ladder position, should therefore be eliminated.

#5. By-Law 5.2 -

Currently, there is no provision for the removal of an officer. The present By-Law reads as follows:

5.2.A. All of said Officers shall be elected by the members of the Congregation at its annual meeting of the members and shall serve for a period of one (1) year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

5.2.B. No Officer shall be elected to the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

**NEW 5.2.C. Any Officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees present at a special meeting, under Section 10.2, whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Congregation shall be served thereby.**

**Reasoning:** We felt that this new additional provision should be added.

**Also, NEW 5.2.D** was previously By-Law 5.12 (under vacancies) - we moved it here as new 5.2.D - no substantive change, just a new number.

#6. By-Law 6.3.C - Voting under the "Board of Trustees" Article -

We deleted the provision which allows the Chairs of the Standing Committees the right to vote at Board meetings.

**REASONING:** We had many reasons for adopting this deletion of voting rights for committee chairs. We felt strongly that only elected trustees and elected officers should be permitted to vote (except for the Senior Rabbi). In many cases, committee chairs have been serving in their positions for 6, 8 and even 10 years. We have term limits on Trustees and Officers and they are elected by the Congregation as opposed to being continuously appointed by the President. Also, many chairs of these Standing Committees are by pursuant to the By-Laws, Officers of the Congregation. It affected about 4 individuals and this will be phasing in gradually through May 31, 2015. It is our hope that within the next two years Trustees will become the chairs of the standing committees, thus making only elected individuals able to vote at Board meetings.

#7. By-Law 10.1.D - We lowered the number of members needed for a quorum at the annual meeting and at Special Congregational meetings, from 150 to 100.

**REASONING:** In the "off" election year, the annual Congregational meeting is usually held on a Wednesday evening in May, and we have trouble getting the 150 people needed to constitute a quorum.

#8 - We added a new 10.1.E - **Reasoning:** It clarifies that a simple majority vote is needed unless a different voting requirement is specifically called for in the By-Laws.

#9. Section 11 - The Committee descriptions and composition were completely overhauled.

**Reasoning:** We made most of the language uniform.

Also, the Board Development Committee was given a new mission, see below:

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT:** "This committee is responsible for developing and implementing educational and other activities to improve the abilities of leaders of the Congregation and to encourage the development of new leaders for Beth El. It shall also encourage attendance and participation of current Board members."

#10. **By-Law 11.2** - establishes term limits for committee chairpersons. They will be permitted to serve a maximum of 4 consecutive one year terms.

#11. New wording in By Law Section 12 - Personnel - added the Associate/Assistant Rabbi and the Director of Development as required positions.

For the **Director of Development** position, we added the following duties:

A. The Director of Development shall be responsible for all development activities of the Congregation. He/she shall perform such duties and have such authority as shall be designated by the President and/or the Board of Trustees.

B. The Budget and Finance Committee shall determine the compensation of the Director of Development.

C. The Director of Development shall be a non-voting member of the Endowment Committee."

### #12. NEW - **ARTICLE 13 – BETH EL MEMORIAL PARK**

The Congregation shall keep and maintain a cemetery, known as Beth El Memorial Park, that shall be governed by the Board of Trustees. The Memorial Park Committee, as set forth in Section 11.1.I of these By-Laws, shall oversee its operation and have all powers granted to it in these By-Laws.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous paragraph, a Perpetual Care Trust Fund has been created by the Congregation for the future care and maintenance of the Beth El Memorial Park.

#13. Under the Article 16 - Termination of Membership, section 3, we added some language that permits a member to be present and to possibly participate in the discussion. See below:

"Membership may be terminated by the Board of Trustees for just or proper cause upon a three-fourths vote of the Board members present at a regular or a special meeting, of which due written notification of the purpose and time has been given to the Board and to the affected member. **The member shall have the opportunity to be present at the meeting and be heard, subject to time and procedure restrictions imposed by the President.** In the event of termination, the member shall then forfeit any and all Congregational rights and/or privileges.

**Fun and festivities as we emulate Lag B'Omer celebrations in Israel!**



**Sunday, May 18, 2014**

Bonfire, Entertainment, Games, Pizza, S'mores  
Bring a nut-free dairy picnic or a few shekels (dollars)  
to purchase pizza at \$2.00 per slice.

**RSVP by Wednesday, May 14**, including the number of slices of pizza  
you plan to buy, to **Fran Davis at 410-484-4543 or**  
**fran@bethelbalto.com**

*Sponsored by Beth El Israel Affairs Committee, Berman-Lipavsky  
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**REMEMBERING  
OUR HISTORY**

**Yom HaZikaron**, or "Day of Remembrance," begins at sundown on Sunday, May 4. This Jewish holiday commemorates the actions of not only soldiers who perished, but victims of violence and terrorism as well. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion established the holiday in 1951, three years after Israel was declared a state.

Right on the heels of Yom HaZikaron is **Yom Ha'atzmaut**—Israel's Independence Day. The 1948 declaration of Israel is celebrated on the 5th day of Iyar, or May 5. Israel became a state on May 14, 1948.

**Lag B'Omer** is the counting of the days in between the second seder of Passover and the day before Shavout. The holiday is celebrated on the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer. Although the Omer is considered to be a period of sadness, bonfires and other celebrations are held as a day of happiness.

*Beth El & the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces*  
*Midatlantic Music Ensemble & Program*  
*Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m.*  
*Doors open at 7:00 p.m.*

The evening will recognize the men and women who serve in the Israel Defense Force, as well as honoree Charlie Levine (FIDF Midatlantic Executive Director), Noah Abrams for his B'nai Mitzvah project and local Lone Soldier families. Guests can also enjoy a performance from Beth El's very own, Dr. Eyal Bor.

PATRON tickets at \$108 Includes: Reserved Front Row Seating and dessert reception with IDF Soldiers; SUPPORTER tickets at \$72 Includes: Reserved Priority Seating and dessert reception with IDF Soldiers; GENERAL ADMISSION tickets at \$36 per person.

Please visit <https://www.fidf.org/chapters/midatlantic/midatlantic-musical-ensemble-2014> to register for this event.

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TRUE**



**Simple facts by the numbers ...**

Israel has won one gold, one silver and five bronze **Olympic medals**.

Twelve Israelis have been awarded a **Nobel Prize**, the most recent two in 2013 in the field of chemistry.

The **Western Wall**, at the plaza, is approximately 65 feet high. The largest stone in the wall is 45 feet long, 15 feet deep, 15 feet high, and weighs more than one million pounds.

While the **Negev** represents 60 percent of Israel's land, less than 8 percent of the population lives there.

**McDonald's** is the largest restaurant chain in Israel with over 180 branches, of which approximately 50 are kosher.

*Yom HaZikaron Memorial Service*  
*Sunday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.*

The Baltimore Zionist District community will hold a memorial ceremony for Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism at Beth El.

"Fireflies" – a personal documentary about three journeys will be shown after the ceremony.

**Sponsored by Beth El & the Baltimore Zionist District.**



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**Do you have old bills, useless papers, and electronics to get rid of,  
but don't want to just throw them away?  
... then you won't want to miss this!**

## SHREDDER TRUCK & E-CYCLE EVENT

**Sunday, May 4  
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
Back Parking Lot at Beth El Congregation**

**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW for the Shredder Truck!**

\$10 donation suggested. ALL proceeds benefit Beth El Social Action programs  
On-site shredding of all paper. Now's the time to get rid of all those canceled checks, bank statements, everything you're afraid to set out with the recycling. Watch your documents destroyed in seconds and feel good that it will still be recycled.

\*Please remove bindings like old check covers, 3-ring binders, etc. when possible.

**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW for the Ecycle Event!**

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

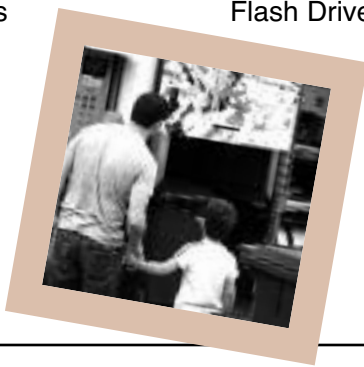
We will be collecting anything with a cord or a battery including:

Computers  
Monitors (CRT & LCD)  
Mouse  
Keyboards  
Cd Drive  
DVD Drives  
Floppy Drives  
Aluminum  
Electric Motors

Printers  
Scanners  
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**HONORS AND MEMORIALS:**

**LEAF ON THE TREE OF LIFE**  
In honor of our twin grandchildren  
Isabella and Samuel  
March 1, 2013  
By Myron and Tamar Kellner

# WELCOME ALYSSA GELLER

Alyssa Geller has been named the new Communications Coordinator at Beth El Congregation. She will be responsible for creating and updating *The Voice*, *The Shofar* and the website as well as producing various marketing materials for the congregation.



Although Alyssa is from Columbus, Ohio, she was born in Long Island, New York, and loves being back on the east coast. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and enjoys watching Badger sports in her spare time. Alyssa also loves spending time with her family, traveling (especially to Chicago to see her niece, Hayley), going to concerts, and shopping. Previously, she was the Communications Assistant at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Columbus, Ohio.

# FAREWELL ART WIEN

It is with a sense of gratitude and sadness that Beth El bids farewell to Art Wien this spring as he prepares to move to New Jersey. Art has worked at Beth El Congregation for 12 years in various capacities, from being our Director of B'nai Mitzvah, to our Ritual Director, to our head B'nai Mitzvah tutor. Everyone who knows Art knows that he is a kind and caring person whose chief concern is that the students he works with have a comfortable, meaningful, and successful Bar or Bat Mitzvah experience. He is a talented teacher who can work with students at varying levels. Art always finds the perfect way to communicate with each particular student. In the course of his time at Beth El, families whose older children have worked with him commonly request that their younger children also have the chance to study with him.



As Art makes this transition into the next stage of his life, we are sorry to see him leave Baltimore, but we certainly understand his desire to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Our loss will be someone else's gain. Wherever Art goes and wherever he works, he will bring his caring sensibility, his kind heart, his love of Judaism, and his ability to communicate that love to young people.



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

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

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

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

**Date: Sunday, May 18**  
**Time: 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

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

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

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



## THE AGUS LIBRARY

**AGUS LIBRARY CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER ON MAY 30, 2014**

Please return all borrowed books by that date. You may leave books with the receptionist at the front desk if a librarian is not on duty. Questions? Call Barbara Berkowitz 410- 296-8424.

**AGUS LIBRARY HOURS**

**MONDAY** 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
**TUESDAY** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**THURSDAY** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Beth El member Brenda Weil Mandel was presented the American Society for Yad Vashem Guardian of Remembrance Award on March 2. She is pictured above with Senator Marco Rubio, who spoke about his support for Israel and Yad Vashem's goal of keeping the memories alive of the souls murdered in the Holocaust.



Sandy Berman was recently named one of *The Daily Record's* 2014 Top 100 Maryland Women for her work as the president of the Sandra and Malcolm Berman Charitable Foundation. She will be honored at a special reception on May 5.



THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB CENTER  
FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AT  
BETH EL CONGREGATION



1st Wednesday evenings will be light and enjoyable for everyone at the beginning of every month. Join us at Beth El on these 1st Wednesdays in Offit Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

**May 7:** Enjoy the **U.S. Navy Band Commodores**, the Navy's premiere jazz ensemble! The Commodores have been performing for the Navy and the nation for over 40 years. Formed in 1969, this 18-member group continues the jazz big band legacy with some of the finest musicians in the world. Led by Senior Chief Musician Phillip Burlin, the Commodores' mission includes public concerts, national concert tours, ceremonial support in honoring our veterans, jazz education classes and clinics, and protocol performances for high-level military and civilian government officials.

**May 28: Dr. Robert O. Freedman lectures on "Israel Security In A Changing Middle East."** (This is a 1st Wednesdays @Beth El presentation on the last Wednesday of May as the 1st Wednesday in June is Shavuot.) Since the emergence of the Arab Spring in 2011, the Middle East has been in turmoil. Israel's neighbors, with the exception of Jordan, have been engulfed by chaos and instability. Egypt faces an Islamic insurrection, Syria is convulsed by a civil war, and Lebanon's divisions between Sunni and Shia citizens have been exacerbated by the war in Syria. Hamas and Hezbollah are in flux. All of these events have affected Israel's security. This lecture will discuss the short term benefits as well as the long term dangers to Israel of these developments.



The members of Rak Shalom, the Jewish A capella group from the University of Maryland rocked the Offit Auditorium on April 2. The program was presented and dedicated in memory of H. Allan Lipsitz.

**AGUS ACADEMY: STUDY WITH THE RABBIS**

**May 12, 19**

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Agus Library

Fee: No charge

Session IV: "The Jewish World of Words"

Instructor: Sandy Winters

Description: Throughout 2000 years of Jewish history we have continuously intersected with other cultures and their languages. So strong is our interest in words, that we are the only people in world history to revive an ancient language (Hebrew) and make it a living language. We will examine many names and words Hebrew, English, Yiddish, French, Russian, Polish, Ladino and learn of their origins.

**SHABBAT SERVICES, DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT BY MACHAYA KLEZMER TRIO**

**Friday, May 2, 2014** at 6:00 p.m.; \$25/adult and \$10/children 12 and under. For more information, contact Ellen Marks at 410-580-5166 or [ellenm@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ellenm@bethelbalto.com). Please send checks, names of adults/children attending and the names of people with whom you would like to be seated to Ellen.

**B'NAI MITZVAH SUMMER TUTORING**

Bar and Bat Mitzvah summer tutoring forms have been emailed to all families. We will be providing B'nai Mitzvah tutoring during the summer Monday through Thursday from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. For additional information or questions, please contact **Ellen Marks at 410-580-5166 or [ellenm@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ellenm@bethelbalto.com)**.

**Beth El Memorial Park is having an open house on Monday, June 2 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Take a tour of our beautiful cemetery. Lot purchases can be made at that time.**

BETH EL  
*Memorial Park*

*The Beth El Memorial Park has served the needs of the Beth El Congregation and the entire Baltimore Jewish Community for more than two generations. A "Makom Kodesh" (a "holy place"), it is a beautifully maintained cemetery of more than 15 acres, located at 9700 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD.*

*Many families choose to purchase lots well in advance of their time of need. This relieves families of an added burden during an emotionally stressful time. Individual or family plots may be purchased with convenient payment plans. Please contact Andy Katz at 410-484-0411 or [andy@bethelbalto.com](mailto:andy@bethelbalto.com) for more information.*

## HEBREW SCHOOL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

By Jill D. Eisen

The mission of our Hebrew Schools in Your Neighborhood is to create a Jewish community outside of the immediate Beth El vicinity that cares about Judaism and Israel. These schools make Jewish education accomodating and convenient for families who reside in Carroll County, Howard County, Federal Hill, Roland Park and Timonium/Hunt Valley. This summer we are expanding to the White Marsh and Anne Arundel County areas.



The environment in the classroom allows students to explore, discuss and create their own Judaic ideals. The students are taught through multi-sensory, hands-on and interactive methods that give them personalized learning experiences. Hebrew language, vocabulary and phonetic reading skill sets are used to build confidence, self-esteem and a unique link to being part of something

greater than ourselves. Families are empowered to celebrate the Jewish Holidays and Shabbat and perform social action in their neighborhoods. Through the curriculum, students and their families develop a sense of pride in being Jewish. We work with interfaith families to teach them about Judaism through discussions and hands-on activities in order to help all family members be at ease and comfortable in a Jewish setting.

Parents are thrilled with the Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood program.

*“Just wanted to let you know that we are very appreciative for all you do. Our lives seem to be taken over with work, baseball practice, lacrosse practice, band practice, play dates, school, and life, but we are very comforted that on Mondays our children are with you.”*

— Eric, Roland Park

*“Thank you for the thoughtful lessons you are bringing to our children this year. They are amazing.”*

— Carley, Federal Hill

If you are interested or know of a family who may be interested in a Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood, please contact **Jill Eisen, 410-484-4543 or [jill@bethelbalto.com](mailto:jill@bethelbalto.com)**. Feel free to stop by any of our open houses. A complete Open House schedule can be found at [www.bethelbalto.com](http://www.bethelbalto.com).



Recently, over 30 T'filah Team, Mitzvah Monsters and their family members led a Havdallah service at Morah Becky's. Parents proudly watched as their children demonstrated mastery of the service and solid knowledge of Havdallah rituals. Attendees ushered out Shabbat services with beautiful songs, brachot and delicious homemade desserts. Go T'filah Team and Mitzvah Monsters!

## SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

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

## 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!

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!  
May 10

## TOT SHABBAT 2013-2014

Kreitzer Memorial Room, 11:15 a.m.

Bring your tot to a Tot Shabbat service at Beth El to meet new families, to enjoy songs, stories and kiddush afterwards!

Contact **Becky Gordon** at [beckybeckybg@gmail.com](mailto:beckybeckybg@gmail.com).

May 3, 17, 31

Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!



M&M Shabbat  
2014

May 2 • June 6

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!

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is now underway for the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and our Neighborhood Schools. Please call **Fran Davis at 410-484-4543** for more information or additional registration forms.

We offer many sessions at the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School that parents can choose from:

### **SUNDAYS ONLY -- ONE DAY per WEEK GAN (Kindergarten) and ALEPH (1st Grade)**

Gan and Aleph students will have the opportunity to learn Hebrew Readiness, Jewish holidays, Bible stories music and art. Children in the Aleph class will read and decode Hebrew letters and vowels, as well as continue their studies on Bible Studies and Jewish Holidays. Through these activities, students will be able to examine the understanding of God and spirituality.

### **SUNDAYS & MID-WEEK -- TWO DAYS per WEEK BET (2nd) through ZAYIN (7th) - at Park Heights Site**

Students in 2nd- 7th grade receive a broad overview of the spectrum of Jewish traditions and beliefs. The curriculum is spiral with each grade building and expanding on what was learned in previous years. Faculty members, joined by specialists, will provide hands-on activities and classes in arts and crafts, music, dance, computers, and library. Guest speakers, assemblies, field trips and other special programming are also included in these sessions.

### **HEBREW ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

This Hebrew Immersion class with Morah Tova is geared for 5 – 8 year olds. The Hebrew Enrichment Program combines differentiated learning with games, songs, stories, technology, and Ivrit B'Ivrit! Snacks are also provided. This class meets on Thursdays from 4:00pm – 5:30 p.m.

### **THE SCHAPIRO YERUSHALAYIM PROGRAM (For Students with Different Learning Styles)**

Students in our Schapiro Yerushalayim Program benefit from having their individual needs met by a warm and supportive staff with special education training. Each child is assessed individually and provided with in-class support or private tutoring. All of our Schapiro Yerushalayim students fully participate in B'nai Mitzvah training. Students with all learning differences are welcome in this program.

## **NEW AND FABULOUS FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR (2014-15)**

Technology is expanding and so is our Beth El School wing! We are now wired with Wi-Fi and will introduce iPads into our classrooms.

45 iPads will be used to help enhance our curriculum. From practicing Hebrew reading and language to researching Jewish history, our students will enjoy hands-on learning! Throughout the summer, our teachers will participate in special training on how to integrate apps into the curriculum.

**Activities Before Hebrew School** will be available to those students interested in participating. The children completed a survey and chose the activities in which they wanted to partake. As a result, they will be able to choose among quiet space to do their homework, tutoring, sports activities or group lessons in music. Parents will also be surveyed for their ideas.

### **ACHSHAV**

The second cohort of Achshav will begin this year. All 8th graders are invited to join Achshav Leadership Now--a 2-year leadership seminar, culminating with a 10-day Mission to Israel. Achshav is a joint venture with Chizuk Amuno Congregation. Throughout 8th grade, students grapple with sacred texts, Jewish history and contemporary issues to form their personal approaches to leadership. Achshav students practice their growing leadership skills throughout the year with "leadership challenges" and social action programming. Achshav meets on Tuesday nights and begins with a delicious dinner and socializing. Achshav students are the synagogue leaders of tomorrow.

### **THE RABBI'S SCHMOOZE**

All 10th – 12th graders are invited to join Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken and Rabbi Cantor for monthly schmoozes, supper and socializing. The Schmoozes provide an opportunity for our high school teens to connect and talk with our Rabbis on a deeper level about issues and concerns that are relevant and meaningful to them.

## 2013-14 BETH EL ANNUAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTORS

(ADDITIONS SINCE LAST PUBLICATION)  
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*Thank you for your contribution  
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We welcome our newest members,  
**Louis and Elisabeth Narrow.**

**E**stablished 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 that follow them.

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

For more information about legacy gifts visit the Beth El Website; <http://www.bethelbalto.com/LegacySociety>

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

**Bikur Cholim** - The Jewish tradition of bikur cholim (be-core kho-leem), Hebrew for "visiting the sick," calls on us to support the needs of those who are ill or isolated. Our committee works to maintain a lifeline connection with people who need our support through telephone calls and personal visits. If you would like to be added to our list of volunteer visitors, OR if you know a member who would benefit from a friendly visit, please contact **Cindy Neuman at cindyneuman@gmail.com**.

**Transportation** – There are many congregants at Beth El who are still in need of transportation to Shabbat Services, as well as appointments to doctors, physical therapy, dialysis, etc. Please contact **Paul Sheitel at psheit@comcast.net** if you would like to become a driver.

**Passover** – For the second year in a row, we collected Kosher non-perishable items for Passover which were given to homes where disabled individuals reside. We were able to provide these homes with chicken and turkey, which helped to make their seders extra-special.

**Hackerman-Patz House** – In late spring or early summer, we will offer dinner and a fun activity for children and their families at the Hackerman-Patz House. Please contact **Ellen Budish at ebudish@verizon.net** or **Jeanette Davis at jeajekdavis@hotmail.com** for more information or to help out with this project.



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**.

# PURIM CELEBRATION



Our preschoolers helped the men of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore load their truck with food. These items were collected as part of the Beth El Men's Club and Early Childhood Food Drive.



# SENIORS

## JUNE MEETING

The Beth El Seniors will hold their June meeting on Sunday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in The Offit Auditorium. The evening will feature a program from Peabody Roads Scholar Vocalist Laura Whittenberger and Pianist Ellie Whittenberger. The cost of the event is \$21 for members and \$24 for non-members. Reservations and payments are due no later than Thursday, May 29, 2014. Please advise us if you would like a sugar-free dessert, and with whom you'd like to be seated. For further information call **Maxine Kontoff @ 410-486-1653** or **Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242**.

## MEMBERSHIP

New members 50 years of age or older are always welcome and encouraged to join our active organization. Dues are \$15/person per year. Events include monthly dinners and enjoyable entertainment for \$21/member. Call **Martha Glasner at 410-486-7407** for a membership application.

## TORAH MAINTENANCE CARDS

One project that the Beth El Seniors participate in supports the maintenance and repair of Beth El'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 each word must be correctly spelled. The ink cannot be chipped off even the slightest bit. The parchment on which the Torah is written must

be flawless. The smallest tear or smudge will render the Torah unfit for use. The Beth El Torahs are regularly inspected and repaired. This is a costly process. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a technique that keeps our sacred scrolls preserved for future generations. Torah Maintenance Cards may be purchased at The Beth El Front Office or call Dorothy Fineblum at 410-653-2631 to purchase a card. 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.



Active Beth El couples do-si-doed and swung their partners during a fun night at the Beth El Square Dance on April 5.



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## CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, May 2, 2014

Evening Services  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Program at 8:00 p.m.

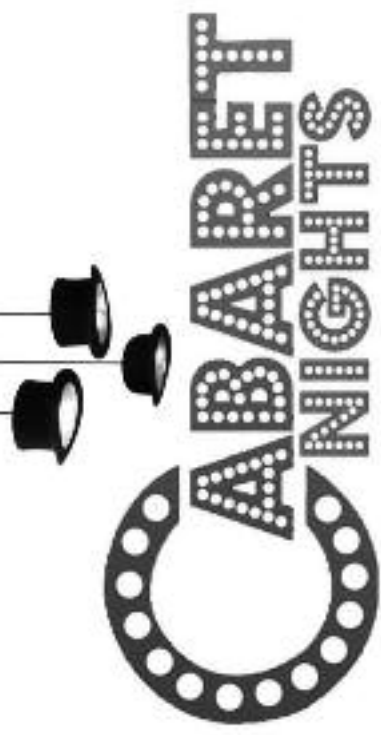
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Shabbat Service

Friday, June 20  
6:00 p.m.

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Bring a dairy or pareve (no meat) picnic, lawn chairs and a blanket  
and enjoy an evening of prayer and entertainment with your family at Beth El!



BETH EL

AT  
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Baltimore Orioles  
vs.  
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Sunday, June 8,  
1:35 p.m.

Join Beth El for a day  
at the yard!  
This will be an extremely fun  
afternoon,  
you don't want to miss!



Cantor Thom King will  
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