Beth El Congregation will host Dr. Joshua Kulp, a dynamic Jewish educator and author, as guest scholar for a special Shabbat weekend of learning on March 20 – 22. The weekend is dedicated to the memory of H. Allan Lipsitz, Beth El’s first program director for adult education from 1998 - 2007.

Congregants and guests will have several opportunities to meet and learn with Dr. Kulp. He will give the D’var Torah at Friday night services and reveal “The Hidden History of the Afikoman” in the Shabbat morning parsha class at 9:00 a.m. After services and kiddush on Saturday morning, Dr. Kulp will talk about a topic he is uniquely qualified to discuss: “Run, Bike, Swim, Pray: What the Ironman Taught Me About Being Jewish.”

The weekend will culminate with a stimulating program for adults, designed to bring meaning to our preparations for Passover and our celebration of the holiday. (Passover begins this year on Friday evening, April 3.)

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Purim is often referred to as the “Jewish Halloween,” and it is easy to see why. The frivolous way in which we celebrate Purim with costumes, carnivals and the exchanging of sweets, at face value, suggests that Purim is a childish, light-hearted holiday. In truth, Purim is anything but light-hearted.

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“Ma Nishtanah: How Different Haggadot Can Inspire Our Seders Today.”
Sunday, March 22, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Offit Auditorium

Dr. Kulp will look at the history of the questions Jews have been asking at the Seder for thousands of years. From the development of these questions over time, we can gain new insights about Pesach and about Jewish history. This multimedia presentation will explore ancient texts and medieval illustrations from Haggadot composed over the centuries. If you’re looking for innovative ways of presenting the Haggadah, this program will provide concrete information and inspiration to share at your Seder table. The material is accessible and easily understood by people of all backgrounds. RSVP to Ellen Marks at ellenm@bethelbalto.com.

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In Memoriam

Jerome Fineblum
Irene Kasik
Erna Leiser
Esther Lowenthal
Evelyn Schneider

We mourn the passing of our members and extend sincere condolences to their families.

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Mrs. Michele Berman on the loss of her beloved father, Stanley J. Rudick.
Mr. Richard Block and Mr. Adam Block on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Florence S. Block.
Mrs. Shari Cooper on the death of her beloved father, Allan J. Sandler.
Mr. Peter Engel on the death of his beloved mother, Gertrude Garshman.
Mrs. Dorothy Fineblum on the loss of her beloved husband, Jerome Fineblum.
Ms. Carole Gould on the loss of her beloved mother, Gertrude Garshman.
Mr. Henry Horowitz on the loss of his beloved brother, Leon Horowitz.
Mrs. Brenda Weil Mandel on the loss of her beloved aunt, Erna Leiser.
Ms. Mindy Milstein on the death of her beloved mother, Zelda V. Milstein.
Mr. Lou Narrow on the loss of his beloved mother, Lillian Narrow.
Dr. Karen Norman on the loss of her beloved mother, Irene Kasik.
Mr. Mischa Schnider on the loss of his beloved wife, Evelyn Schnider.
Mrs. Stephany Steinberg on the loss of her beloved mother, Devera Einstein.
Mrs. Hulane Zolet on the loss of her beloved brother, Allen Rosen.

Our Heartiest Mazel Tov to:

Mrs. Tamarar Bensky on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Gabriella Violet Bensky.
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Carnerie on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Logan Campbell Carnerie.
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Frank on the birth of their grandson, Graham Edward Frank.
Dr. and Mrs. Louis Gordon and Mrs. Nancy Gordon on the birth of their grandson, Spencer James Vaknin.
Mr. Richard Hanauer and Mrs. Marcia Roseman on the marriage of their son, Craig, to Teddi Stern.
Ms. Karen Bush and Dr. Marc Hirschbein on the B’nai Mitzvah of their children, Emma Rose Hirschbein and Michael Scott Hirschbein.
Patti Jeffery on her marriage to Philip Hobbs; parents are Ann and Ira Robinson.
Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Karten on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Danielle Shafii.
Mr. and Mrs. Burton King on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Adin Mathew Zimmerman, and on the birth of their grandson, Brody Ashton King.
Mr. and Mrs. John Kinney on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel Logan Kinney.
Ms. Sandy Luray on the marriage of her daughter, Elyse, to Marc Weshler.
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Offit on the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Noah Schawy.
Mr. and Mrs. Josh Perloff on the birth of their son, Cole Jack Perloff; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Perloff.
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Shemer on the engagement of their daughter, Brooke, to Ethan Zweig.
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Silverman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aidan Reed Silverman; grandparents are Robert and Eileen Caplan.
Mr. and Mrs. Stevan Simons on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary Evan Simons; grandparents are Gail and Joel Sugarman and Harlene and Michael Simons.
Mr. Jason Weintraub on his engagement to Jessica Brodsky; parents are Susie and Steve Weintraub.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zweig on the engagement of their son, Ethan, to Brooke Shemer.

March Milestone Anniversaries:

Kristen and Joshua Katz on their 5th
Linda and Stephen Levin on their 10th
Linda and Robert Gerstein on their 20th
Rachel and Joseph Monroe on their 20th
Marlene and Dan Kessler on their 25th
Rhona and Julian Sober on their 25th
Yelena and Joseph Shparaga on their 30th
Nancy and Stacy Karten on their 35th
Linda and Larry Silverman on their 45th
Sharon and Robert Freedman on their 50th

Our Heartiest Mazel Tov to:

Linda and Larry Silverman on their 45th
Yelena and Joseph Shparaga on their 30th
Nancy and Stacy Karten on their 35th
Linda and Larry Silverman on their 45th
Sharon and Robert Freedman on their 50th

The Beth El Family

Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Bar Mitzvah
Logan Campbell Carnerie, son of Marcy and Patrick Carnerie, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 7, 2015.

Bat Mitzvah
Emma Rose Hirschbein, daughter of Dr. Marc Hirschbein and Ms. Karen Bush, will be called to the Torah during Havdallah services on March 7, 2015.

Bar Mitzvah
Michael Scott Hirschbein, son of Dr. Marc Hirschbein and Ms. Karen Bush, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 14, 2015.

Bar Mitzvah
Aidan Reed Silverman, son of Jill and Jeffrey Silverman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 7, 2015.

Bar Mitzvah
Samuel Logan Kinney, son of Jim and Jill Kinney, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 21, 2015.

Bar Mitzvah
Zachary Evan Simons, son of Stevan and Stacy Simons, will be called to the Torah on March 21, 2015.

Bar Mitzvah
Gabriella Violet Bensky, daughter of the late Lawrence Bensky and Tamara Basso Bensky, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 28, 2015.
### Schedule of Services

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### Healing Service

**Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Kreitzer Memorial Room**

Every month, Rabbi Saroken leads a healing service for people who are looking for a safe and supportive place and a group of people with whom to pray, sing out to God and reflect on life.

Using Jewish wisdom, conversation and compassion, participants will find themselves strengthened through the encounter.

### Daily Schedule of 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*
Rabbi Reflection

Out With the Old

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

That phrase so often used to describe the moment when one year ends and another begins – out with the old, in with the new. But it seems to me that we actually bring quite a bit of the ‘old’ with us into the new year. Old ideas. Old habits. Old relationships, characteristics, qualities. I suppose that is one of the reasons why so many New Year’s resolutions go unfulfilled. Here is another pithy phrase: you can’t teach an old dog new tricks. So which is it? Out with the old, in with the new, or the old dog set in his ways?

Probably a bit of both. I love the word palimpsest. It is a noun that means ‘a parchment that has been written on, scraped clean, and written on again.’ It is an alien word to us these days, when we have as much paper as we could ever want, clean sheet after clean sheet. But once upon a time, when writing materials were rare, when parchment was painstakingly created by cleaning and scraping the skins of animals, you used every scrap of it, and then you used it again. But in that process of scraping and reusing, traces of the original writing always remain.

So it is when we begin a new year. The parchment we have to write our new chapters on is not entirely clean. The old writing can still be seen, following us into 2015, and wherever else we may wander. In my mind there is something comforting about that. A natural flow of time, a memory of events, a sense of how we’ve arrived at this new year, and how we enter this new beginning. The old is not discarded, it does not disappear. It is instead a foundation that we can use as we write new lines in the narrative of our lives.

Social Action

Members of the Social Action Committee prepared a magnificent holiday dinner for the patients at Hope Lodge that was delivered on Christmas Day. This is a project that Social Action has been doing for many years. Residents at Hope Lodge enjoyed a wonderful dinner that included steamed barbecued turkey, cauliflower soup, stuffing, sweet potatoes, string bean casserole and baked goods that were contributed by Beth El members.

Meals are usually prepared on-site and served about seven times a year for patients receiving cancer treatments at local hospitals and staying at the Lodge.

For more information on Social Action, please contact Ellen Budish at ebudish@verizon.net or 443-857-7499.
The Voice of Beth El Congregation
What Would We Do Without Beth El?

So often Shirley said, with her beautiful smile, “What would we do without Beth El? Everybody knows us and we know everybody. We are treated with such love and respect.” And so we repeat the words, “What would we do without Beth El?”

Your outpouring of love and consolation overwhelms us. We appreciate your contributions and your cards. There were so many, we could not answer all the mail.

We thank you for your attendance at the funeral — your taking charge of the shiva period and your visits during and after shiva. A special thanks for the delicious meals cooked by many and brought over to us.

All your love and caring has helped us deal with our grief.

Yes, we say “what would we do without Beth El.” May Hashem bless the clergy, the office staff, and most especially, the congregation.

With so much love,
Stanley and Chuck Rutko

Purim Continued from front cover
since it is observed only during daylight hours and the laws governing it are somewhat more lenient than on the major fast days. To reinforce the serious nature of this holiday, the Shabbat before Purim is designated Shabbat Zachor. We read the portion about Amalek, and the command to remember what Amalek did and to wipe out its memory.

Purim is about self-defense, sacrifice, and identity. It is interesting to note that the Purim miracle is the last miracle performed by God in scripture. Is this a sign that God’s presence no longer dwells among us? Does this teach us that we need to do more for ourselves? We learn from the Talmud in an amusing Purim anecdote that, “A miracle does not happen every time (Meg17b).” In this world in which we live today, the story of Purim is as relevant as it was in the days of Mordechai and Esther. We must always remember the more serious side of the story as well as the feasts and the celebrations.

I encourage you all to look deeper into the megillah this year and to find something new that you can incorporate into your Purim celebration. However you choose to celebrate, always keep in mind the faith and wisdom of Mordechai, the courage of Queen Esther, and the resilience of the Jewish people. Chag Purim Sameach!

I would like to personally thank all of my Beth El family - officers, board, staff and members for your kind contributions and expressions of condolence upon the loss of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Florence S. Block. We find comfort in your kindness and appreciate it.

Sandi and Richard Block
Agus Academy
Monday Evenings in the Agus Library at 7:00 p.m.

Session 3: It’s Just the Way I Am
Facilitated by Rabbi Dana Saroken on March 9*, 16, and 23. There are some things that we like or even love about ourselves and other traits that we wish we could change. In this three-part series, participants will have the space to look within themselves to explore midot/character traits such as patience, compassion, and trust and to grow from the wisdom of our ancient traditions.

*On March 9, Agus Academy will start at 6:15 p.m.

New 92Y Live Program:
Just Kids from the Bronx: Arlene Alda in Conversation with Regis Philbin and Alan Alda
Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

This program is endowed by Robert & Florence Chertkof.

What was it like to grow up in the place that bred influencers in just about every field of endeavor today?

The Bronx is where Al Pacino, Carl Reiner, General Colin Powell and so many other leading artists, athletes, scientists and entrepreneurs spent their formative years. Three of the Bronx’s favorite sons and daughters get together to reflect on stories from Arlene Alda’s new book, Just Kids from the Bronx, and share memories of where it all began. Join them for an indelible portrait of the Bronx — and of America — from back-in-the-day to modern times.

1st Wednesdays @ Beth El presents…
March 11: Dr. David Agus at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. David Agus is the author of A Short Guide to a Long Life and grandson of Beth El’s Rabbi Jacob B. Agus, z”l. Dr. Agus is acclaimed for his innovations in medicine and contributions to new technologies that empower people to maintain healthy lives longer. Many of you have seen him on television as CBS’s Medical News Contributor and now, you have the opportunity to meet him. He will share his life’s work, as well as memories of his beloved and renowned grandfather. There is no charge for this program.

April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The United States Navy Band Country Current is the Navy’s premiere country-bluegrass ensemble. Under the direction of Senior Chief Musician Keith Arneson, Country Current is nationally renowned for its versatility and “eye-popping” musicianship, as it performs a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass. This seven-member ensemble employs musicians from diverse backgrounds with extensive high-profile recording and touring experience in the music scenes of Nashville, New York, New Orleans and more. In the tradition of country music each member is a skilled performer on multiple instruments. There is no charge for this program.

Spring Study with Sandy Winters:
On Trial
This class meets on Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26, and April 9 at 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Agus Library. We will examine some famous trials in Jewish history through court records and historical writings. We will also see how these events have been depicted in films, both dramatic and documentary. Trials to be covered are those of Alfred Dreyfus, Menachem Mendel Beilis, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Leo Frank, and Jonathan Pollard. There is a charge for this program: $25 Beth El members, $30 non-members.
March 2015 Meeting
Beth El Seniors hold their March meeting on **Sunday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m.** in The Offit Auditorium. On this afternoon, the movie “Chef,” starring Dustin Hoffman and Sofia Vergara will be shown. There is NO CHARGE for members, but only $5.00 for guests. Dessert, snacks and beverages will be served. There will be open seating. Payments are due no later than February 24. Mark envelope Beth El Seniors: Attn. Ruthye Steinberg.
Please join us and bring your friends for a movie, snacks and good friends. Remember a stranger is but a friend you’ve yet to meet. For further information, call Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242 or Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653.
**Please Note: No walk-ins will be allowed.**
We wish all our families and friends a **Zissen Pesach.**

Seniors
Torah Maintenance Cards
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 each word must be correctly spelled. The ink cannot be chipped off even a little bit. The parchment on which the Torah is written 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. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a process 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. These all-purpose cards are six for $10.00 or $2.00 each.

Membership
Beth El Seniors is always welcoming new members 50 years of age or older to join our active organization. Dues are $15.00 per person per year, plus monthly dinner and enjoyable entertainment at the ridiculously low cost of only $21.00 per member. Where else can you go for such a great deal? Call Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242 for a membership application.

Reminder! **THERE WILL BE NO SENIORS’ MEETING IN APRIL**

Mark Your Calendars! The Israel Affairs Committee presents: **Shabbat Afternoon Speaker Series**
Following the Kiddush

**March 28, 2015**
**The United States and Israel: Is the Special Relationship in Trouble?**
Dr. Robert O. Freedman, Peggy Meyerhoff Pearlstone Professor of Political Science Emeritus, Baltimore Hebrew University and Visiting Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, will discuss this issue.

**April 25, 2015**
**Press Bias During Israel’s Operation Protective Edge**
David Hazony is Editor of The Tower and Managing Director of The Israel Project. His book, *The Ten Commandments*, published by Scribner in 2010, was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. He is also a contributing editor of *The Forward.*
Selling of Chametz Through Beth El

Chametz, or grains such as rice, pasta, and bread, are not allowed to be consumed during Passover. We will continue our tradition of selling chametz in which the food is “sold” to non-Jews. After the holiday, the sale is undone by mutual consent. Please email Gil Kleiner at gil@bethelbalto.com if you would like to authorize Rabbi Schwartz to serve as your agent to sell chametz.

Purchase Your Haggadot!

Passover starts at sundown on Friday, April 3! Do you have your haggadot? You can now purchase your haggadah at the front desk for $8/members and $10/non-members. A CD featuring Cantor King and the Beth El Junior Choir is also available for purchase for just $8. Email Sarah Rohan at sarah@bethelbalto.com if you would like to purchase a haggadah or CD.

Fast of the First Born

Friday, April 3 • 7:45 a.m.
Gorn Chapel

Traditionally, first-born sons are expected to fast on this day of the seder in anticipation of being redeemed and spared by God, as were the Hebrew first-born sons in Egypt on the first Passover.

Through participation in a simcha, the obligation to fast is voided. Rabbi Schwartz will lead the morning minyan attendees in such an experience and thereby gain an exemption from the fast for the first-born for those who attend.
As we celebrate our freedom during Passover, we must remember those millions still enslaved by hunger and poverty. Through MAZON, you can fulfill our ancient Jewish tradition of feeding the hungry.

Make a donation:
Online with a credit card or e-check at www.mazon.org,
by phone at 1-800-813-0557 or by mail at:

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
PO Box 96119
Washington D.C. 20090

Please include “Beth El Congregation” and “Passover” within your donation.

The Omer period is a time of 49 days (seven full weeks) beginning with the second night of Pesach, Saturday, April 4, and ending on Shavuot, Saturday, May 23. The Omer period is a time of apprehensive anticipation of approaching Mount Sinai and God’s revelation. It is a time during the spring when the fate of the year’s crops is determined. It is also a time to remember the deadly epidemic that killed many of Rabbi Akiba’s students in the second century.

While the Omer is a time to reflect and mourn, it is also full of hope as spring unfolds and the Jewish people move toward the revelation of Mount Sinai.

Watch the leaves turn purple as our Campaign dollars grow. Each painted leaf represents $500,000 toward our goal of $10 Million.

Hats off to Ray Kahn!
Ray was Beth El Congregation president from 2009-2011. Despite his past service to Beth El and his being an incredibly busy accountant, Ray is also co-chairing the Special Gifts Division of the Generations Campaign. He has, to date, successfully completed ten face-to-face solicitations.

Thank you, Ray! We couldn’t have moved closer to our $10,000,000 goal without you.

Sandy Berman and Jerry Schnydman
Co-chairs, Generations Campaign
Biblio

Gail Lipsitz, short story coordinator at Beth El and other venues, will be Biblio’s guest reviewer on Wednesday, March 11, at noon. Gail’s selection is A Guide for the Perplexed by Dara Horn.

Rabbi’s Book Review & Petite Luncheon

Rabbi Dana Saroken

Wednesday, March 18, at 12:00 p.m.

(Snow Date: March 23)

Rabbi Saroken will review the novel, Love and Treasure by Ayelet Waldman. The book weaves a tale around the fascinating history of the Hungarian gold train in the Second World War. A Holocaust-era locket holds the key to Ayelet Waldman’s historical novel.

Please send $12 to Beth El Congregation, Attn: Alice Levin, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, 21208, by March 10. Contact Alice for further questions at 410-484-0934 or asl0934@gmail.com.

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New Sisterhood Members 2014–2015

New Courtesy Members 2014–2015

Amanda Epstein • Abbey Gordon
Shani Lerner • Lynn Lipsitz
Debora Furman-Love
Marian Manski • Myra Serpick
**Afternoon of Games**

*Bring your Mah Jong sets, your bridge cards or any other game you want to play!*  
(Bridge players will be provided a quiet space.)

**March 17, 2015 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Bring your friends and partners!**
We will supply petite sandwiches, sweets and treats along with coffee and tea. If you need a partner or partners, we will try to find you one or more.

**Call Suzanne Horowitz at 410-764-7944 or Ruth Hurwitz at 410-486-2875 for more information.**

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**Federation of Jewish Women’s Organizations**

**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2015  
**Location:** Beth Israel Congregation  
3706 Crondall Lane Owings Mills, MD 21117  

**Speaker:** Barbara Weinstein, Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism  

**Topic:** “Abraham, Moses, Esther and You: Being a Chai-Powered Advocate”  

**Time:** 9:45 a.m. - noon  

**Reservations:**  
Contact Sheila Stern 410-363-3514  
or sheilastern1@verizon.net  

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**Membership**

We are pleased to have another event in our wellness series. Please join us on **Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.** for a presentation by Leslie Papel, a well-known audiologist in our community, who will address the topic *The Impact of Hearing Loss on Our Quality of Life*. Join us for light refreshments in the Kolker Room. For more information or to RSVP by March 16, call Susan Hackerman, 410-486-2523 or email shacker1@hotmail.com.

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**Sisterhood**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015.**  
**Cost:** $20 per player

**Name:** ____________________________

**Game to be played:** ____________________________

**Do you need a player in your game?** __________

**Do you want to join a game?** ____________________________

**What game?** ____________________________

**Phone:** ____________________________

**Cell:** ____________________________

**Email:** ____________________________

**Partners’ Names:** ____________________________

Send check for $20 per person to:  
Beth El Sisterhood  
c/o Suzanne Horowitz  
or Ruth Hurwitz  
8101 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21208

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**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 volunteer an hour or two each week, we need you to help staff the library. Please call Barbara Berkowitz 410-296-8424 or barbberk@verizon.net.

**Agus Library Hours**

**Monday:**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  •  2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday:**  
11:00 – noon  •  2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:**  
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.  •  1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:**  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Sisterhood

Trip to New York City
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
(7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Join us for a meaningful and memorable trip to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at Ground Zero in New York City. Both were built as tributes of remembrance and honor to the 2,983 people killed in the terror attacks that day at the World Trade Center, the site near Shanksville, PA, and at the Pentagon as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993. The Memorial was dedicated on September 11, 2011 and the Museum was dedicated on May 15, 2014. This is a trip you will find educational and touching as you pay honor to those who lost their lives through unfathomable acts of terror.

We will leave Beth El at 7:00 a.m. When we arrive in New York City you will have free time to explore the area surrounding the Memorial and Museum. Our group will meet at the Merchant River House in Battery Park at noon. The restaurant overlooks the Hudson River and is 1 ½ blocks from the Museum. After we have lunch on our own, we will walk to the Museum for our 1:30 p.m. tour. The bus will leave for our return to Beth El between 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Dinner from Ben’s Deli will be served on the ride home.

Before you register, please be aware that this trip has extensive walking and may be on uneven surfaces at times.

Cost: $125 per person

Registration began Thursday, February 19, 2015. You may obtain a registration form from Beth El’s website, www.bethelbalto.com, or at the receptionist desk at Beth El.

If you have any questions, contact Linda Mondell at 410-486-1542 or lhmondell@gmail.com or Ellen Wiesenberger at 410-484-6411 or ellentw@comcast.net.

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Joint Sisterhood Dinner

Monday, April 13, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Chizuk Amuno Congregation
8100 Stevenson Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Program:
“Front Row at the Theatre”
Featuring:
Amy Jo Shapiro, Actress Extraordinaire

Cost: $30.00 per person

I will attend the Joint Sisterhood Dinner - DEADLINE - April 3, 2015

Name: _________________________ Phone: __________________________

Enclosed is my check payable to “Beth El Sisterhood” in the amount of $ __________

If possible, I would like to sit with (limited to 3 people) - (To make YOU happier and our job easier, please be sure you have each other written down!)

Name: _________________________ Phone: __________________________
Name: _________________________ Phone: __________________________
Name: _________________________ Phone: __________________________

My **special needs** are: (Please check, if applicable)
Vegetarian: _____ Allergies: (please specify) __________________________

**Please NOTE** Checks will NOT be accepted at the door.

To ensure your seat, please return this form and your check by Friday, April 3, 2015 to:
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“Joint Sisterhood Dinner”
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(Cut here and return with check)
Creating Your Seder Table

You usually start with a beautiful tablecloth, maybe one with memories of past seders and always with the hope that no one will spill wine on it this year. Then you arrange your lovely china and gleaming crystal along with the newly shined silver. Now for those important symbolic pieces that will help create the mood and spirit of Passover.

Perhaps the kids would respond to a new ceramic or china seder plate – something colorful with a modern theme. A lovely container for the afikomin covered by an embroidered matzo cover from Israel would be meaningful to everyone. Pesach requires so many dishes – small, medium, round, square and octagonal, all containing the wonderful recipes each family considers special. Oven-to-table platters promise that the main course will be hot and delicious just like Grandma used to serve, but with half as much to wash.

Now there is a place where you can find all these things and anything else your “unleavened” offerings require; a place where a tall and graceful Kiddush cup for Elijah stands waiting near the beautifully decorated Miriam cup, reminding us of the importance of women during the years in the desert.

A variety of Kiddush cups, large and small, await your selection for the people who grace your seder table.

Make your seder table all you want it to be. Stop in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop and use your personal taste to create the perfect seder table as a backdrop for your family and guests to make some new memories.

Unique Boutique Arrives in the Spring

Even though winter is still with us, plans for Unique Boutique are underway. This is the 11th year of Unique Boutique which will be held on Sunday, April 26, Monday, April 27, and Tuesday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Once again, Beth El Sisterhood will welcome over 40 vendors who will bring three days of exciting shopping for your spring needs. Many of your favorite vendors are returning, and we are looking forward to welcoming many new vendors with new products. They will be selling women’s clothing and accessories, pocketbooks, belts, jewelry, gifts for the home, toys, crafts, children’s clothing, specialized food items, personalized gifts, stationery and much more.

As usual, lunch is available at the Boutique Café either before or after shopping. In addition, the Flower Booth will be with us for your spring gardening needs and Mother’s Day gifts.

If you know of any vendors interested in the event or need additional information, please contact Sonia Obstler at 410-653-2381 or seobstler@gmail.com or Helen Bronstein at 410-653-5028 or helenbronstein@verizon.net. Interested volunteers may call Ilene Merenbloom at 410-486-6822.

Be on the lookout for the $100 coupon in Smart Shopper and Valpak. We look forward to having all our Beth El congregants, friends, family and neighbors join us and promote an exciting 2015 Unique Boutique.
Sisterhood

Sisterhood Shabbat
Saturday, May 9, 2015

This is a beautiful and meaningful service led by the women of Beth El Sisterhood, The Women of Valor. There is an opportunity to participate in reading Torah, Hebrew blessings, English readings and non-speaking parts.

For more information contact Frida Fraiman at 410-363-6464 or ffraiman@comcast.net, Merle Intner at 410-484-7913 or mintner@aol.com, or Judy Pachino at 410-486-6620 or judipach@comcast.net.

Trip to Bucks County, PA
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
(8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Join us as we travel to Bucks County, PA. Our first stop will be the home of Pearl S. Buck, the first woman to win the Nobel and Pulitzer Prizes for literature. After we tour Buck’s house and grounds, we will have a catered lunch. Leaving Green Hills Farm, a National Historic site, we will drive to New Hope, PA where you will be free to explore on your own.

Cost: $100 per person

This trip currently has a waitlist. If you would like to be put on the waitlist or you have questions, please contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844 or mbmjsiegel@comcast.net or Judy Pachino at 410-486-6620 or judipach@comcast.net.

Beth El Sisterhood 2015 Donor

March 31, 2015 is the date we’ve set. Help see that our commitments are met!

Name ____________________________________________
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Make checks payable to Beth El Sisterhood and return by March 31, 2015, Attention: Bette Dahne.
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Spend Purim with the KING!

All Shook Up: An Elvis Megillah

Wednesday, March 4
7:00 p.m., Beth El

Purim party to follow
1st Wednesdays at Beth El:
On January 7, Zaq Harrison spoke about the eleven members of the 1972 Israeli Olympic Team who were murdered in Munich.

Photo courtesy of Judi Snyder.

Men’s Club Brunch:
Members of the Men’s Club enjoyed hearing stories from sports guru Stan “The Fan” Charles on December 21.

PURIM CARNIVAL
Sunday, March 1 • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
$7 in advance • $10 at the door

Games • Prizes
Costume Parade
Lunch Available

Photos courtesy of Jerry Fine.
The Voice of Beth El Congregation

School News

There is a Beth El Preschool Downtown?

On December 18, sixty people came together to celebrate the first open house of the Beth El Preschool and a new Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood downtown in Federal Hill. There was music, singing, laughter, and Hanukkah making. The Jewish families who live downtown are so excited about Beth El coming to their neighborhood.

The Beth El Early Childhood program is currently the only Jewish preschool in Baltimore to be accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education. The downtown program will provide the same excellent educational experiences as the main campus. We will offer children 2-5 years of age a nurturing Jewish environment with innovative educational experiences that stimulate exploration, creativity and develop a sense of community. Jewish values will form the foundation of our curriculum while we welcome diversity in our families. We look forward to partnering with our host Salem Lutheran Church. We are planning on opening in June with limited enrollment and look forward to full registration starting in September 2015.

For more information about the Beth El Preschool, please contact Ilene Vogelstein, ilenev@bethelbalto.com or 410-602-2245.

Shabbat Services for Children

Tot Shabbat
11:15 a.m. in the Kreitzer Memorial Room
March 7, April 18, April 25,
May 2, May 16, May 23.

M&M Shabbat
5:15 p.m. in the Gorn Chapel
March 6, May 1, June 5

IPPE Shabbat
10:00 a.m. in the Schuster Library
March 7, May 2

Torah Sparks
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. in the Gorn Chapel
March 14, March 21, March 28,
April 18, April 25, May 9, May 16

Photos courtesy of: Dr. Eyal Bor
"Next year in Jerusalem" sounds like a prayerful wish and dream, but for twenty-two 9th graders from Beth El and Chizuk Amuno, it became an amazing reality this past December.

Achshav Leadership Now started eighteen months ago as a joint program between both congregations looking to strengthen teen programming and create the next generation of Jewish leaders. What started out as an innocent trip to the bank (when Dr. Bor ran into Rabbi Seltzer and schmoozed about an idea he had been pondering) turned into a leadership initiative that had both congregations beaming with pride and pleasure!

Every week, our students met at either Beth El or Chizuk Amuno to discover and explore leadership through a Jewish and Zionist lens. Our students met Hannah Senesh, Theodore Herzl, Moses, Nelson Mandela, David Ben Gurion and many others as they asked themselves what makes a leader.

Is it a vision? Is it a challenging situation? Is it having a dream and convincing others to make it a reality? As part of their exploration of leadership, this amazing first cohort explored their own Jewish identity and talked about the value of integrating their “Jewish selves” into their maturing identities as teenagers and future leaders. The curriculum evolved with programming under the leadership of Rabbi Cantor, Rabbi Seltzer, and Morah Allen as the lead facilitators and teachers. Andy Shankman and Jason Creeger came on board to help facilitate our weekly seminars, and we invited a plethora of music artists, guest speakers, and college students to enrich our students learning experience.

Achshav then partnered with Ramah Israel Seminars as we began discussing our leadership mission to Israel. This two week trip was not a tour of Israel, but an educational adventure that would integrate our eighteen months of learning into the most amazing classroom without walls experience. It is not a surprise that traveling to Israel comes with a great deal of cost. With the help of Dr. Bor, Rabbi Cantor, Rabbi Seltzer and Morah Allen, Achshav Leadership Now received $70,000 in grants to make this trip affordable for our students and their families.

Excitement bubbled over when the Achshav families met with Moshe Gold from Ramah Israel. He explained our itinerary and talked about how Achshav and Ramah were partnering together to create something unique. That partnership grew as we explained our leadership curriculum, and Ramah provided opportunities for our students to practice and experience the values we were teaching. Students were assigned an Israeli leader or hero to study on their own and were responsible for presenting their research while we were in Israel. Rising to the challenge, our students became their heroes, sharing with the group the impact that their heroes had on Israeli society.

We left on a cold Sunday morning and for the next twelve days we didn’t stop to catch our breath! Our Israeli staff met us at Ben Gurion, and from our first moments on the bus, they set the level of learning and experiencing that would energize our students for the entire trip. Whether we were sheepherding and understanding our biblical ancestors’ lifestyles or lighting a Hanukkiah in Jerusalem, Achshav made connections between Israel and home and their personal Jewish identities every step of the way. Digging at Beit Guvrin (an ongoing archeological dig dating from the time of the Maccabees) on the last day of Hanukkah was an exceptional moment when history and modernity came to life as a small oil jug was uncovered for the first time in 2000 years. A highlight for everyone was the morning we spent with new friends at the Omaniot School in Ashkelon. After seeing these
amazing students perform for us, we broke the ice and spent a whole morning laughing and joking with high school students at this performing arts school. We had to force Achshav back on the bus! Instagram connections and Facebook friends were made and to quote one of our students, “We all now know we have a home in Ashkelon!” Shabbat at Kibbutz Ketura might have been a break in the busyness of our itinerary, but was filled with magic as our students danced through Kabbalat Shabbat and spent the day exploring what it would be like to live communally. Prayer took on new meaning as we hiked to the top of Har Hatzfachot and gazed upon Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt all at the same time. We learned to hear the silence of the desert as a part of our prayers. Jerusalem, the place we had talked about for so many years in Hebrew School, suddenly felt like our home. We walked ancient sewers and ascended the same steps, singing the same psalms that the Priests used to enter the Beit HaMikdash 2000 years ago. Yad Vashem and Har Herzl cemented in our minds the need to remember, and how the leadership of individuals can impact a few, many, or an entire country.

“Israel was absolutely amazing and being able to go on the trip made me feel closer to my Judaism and helped my Jewish identity grow,” Achshav student Rachel Silhavy said about the trip.

Rabbi Seltzer and Rabbi Cantor spent many hours on the trip thinking about the impact Achshav is having on our students. The Achshav Leadership Now experience and the Achshav trip to Israel are providing our students an anchor for their Jewish identity that will allow each student to grow, mature and flourish. These twenty-two students did not stop their Jewish learning upon completing Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Both the students and their families understood that without having an anchor, all the Jewish learning that they had enjoyed up until this point could just drift, perhaps finding a place to root and grow or perhaps not. Today, our Achshav students have a firm anchor to their Jewish identities. They know that they are part of something both old and new, something greater than themselves, and something of which they are the future leaders.

If you are interested in more information about Achshav Leadership Now, or you have a rising 8th grader this Fall, please contact Rabbi Cantor or Fran Davis in the Religious School office at 410-484-4543 to learn how to enroll.

Richard Guerry, founder of the non-profit organization Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication and author of Public and Permanent: The Golden Rule of the 21st Century, will present “Keeping You and Your Family Safe Online: What Every Person Should Know” in Beth El’s Offit Auditorium on March 29 at 9:45 a.m. Beth El will co-sponsor this program with the Hadassah of Greater Baltimore.

Guerry, who has been featured on CNN and MTV, as well as in local and national publications, works to teach parents and their children about the decisions they make in the digital world, which could ultimately lead to tragedies.

“What you do with your technologies could have a positive or negative effect,” he told CNN in 2011. “It all stems from one thing—the cause. The cause is what you decide to do the moment you turn on your digital tools and technologies.”

Guerry’s award-winning program provides a greater awareness of negative, irresponsible, and malicious digital behaviors and trends and the methods one can use to reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

“If you understand how to use them (digital tools) appropriately, responsibly, with an awareness, with a consciousness, then you will proactively avoid making a life-altering mistake with any digital tool or technology, whether that tool exists today or five years from now.”

For more information regarding this program, please contact Robyn Talesnik at rtalesnik@hadassah.org or 410-484-9590.

Neighborhood Schools & Kitah Zayin Make a Difference

Over the course of several months, the students in the Neighborhood Schools in Roland Park, Baltimore Montessori and Kitah Zayin (7th Grade) made a difference in lives of others. Following the Jewish values of Kehillah, community, Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, and K’vod Habriyot, individual dignity, these students made blankets and scarves. The scarves went to the Jewish Volunteer Connection to be handed out to the homeless on Mitzvah Day, December 25. The blankets went to Project W.A.V.E, (Warming All Veterans Everywhere). The students felt pride in themselves and each other knowing that they could help someone other than themselves.
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