

# B'NAI ISRAEL

## THE DOWNTOWN SYNAGOGUE



## Shabbat Shoftim

August 29-30, 2014

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### B'nai Israel Membership & High Holidays 5775

**ONE MORE WEEK TO SIGN UP** for High Holiday seats by Sept. 7!  
Renew your membership, too!

Forms and details are now at [www.jewishdowntown.org](http://www.jewishdowntown.org). Please contact [office@jewishdowntown.org](mailto:office@jewishdowntown.org) if you have any questions.

### Refuah Sheleimas, Etc.

- Refuah sheleima to Ted Rosenberg who is at [Keswick Multi-Care Center](#) for rehab after a car accident and hospital stay. Ted is welcoming visitors and phone calls at (410) 246-7280.
- Refuah sheleima to Marshall Feldman who is at Sinai Hospital after a car accident as well. Marshall is welcoming visitors and phone calls.

## Quick Links

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## Weekly Schedule

*Location is  
B'nai Israel Congregation  
unless otherwise noted.*

### Friday, August 29

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv: 6:30PM
- Salami & Scotch: following Maariv (~7:15PM)
- *Candlelighting:* 7:24PM

### Saturday, August 30

- Shacharit: 9:30AM
- Tot Shabbat Service: 11:00AM
- Kiddush: following Mussaf (~12:00PM)
- *Shabbat Ends:* 8:23PM

### Sunday, August 31

- Shacharit: 8:30AM
- Breakfast: 9:30AM

- **Sonya, Howard, and Sam Shemer (son) express their gratitude** for the group visits this past Sunday and for all of the concern and well wishes sent by the community. Additional visits and support can be done by contacting Shelly Feldman, [Talia Abbott Chalew](#), or by calling Sonya at 410-789-6633.

## Announcements

- **Please join us tonight at 6:30pm** for Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat and Salami & Scotch following Maariv.
- **Sunday morning breakfast and the Rabbi's Mishna Class this weekend will be held at the home of Howard & Sonya Shemer, 193 W. Meadow Rd., Baltimore, MD 21225.**
  - Shacharit at B'nai Israel at 8:30am.
  - Breakfast and mishna class at the Shemer's at 9:30am.
  - Carpools available. Please [e-mail Rabbi Mintz](#) if you are able to drive.
- Please remember to **sign up for your High Holiday seat by Sunday, Sept. 7.** Online forms can be found at [www.jewishdowntown.org](http://www.jewishdowntown.org). Payment plans and subsidies are available for those with financial restrictions.
- The next board meeting will be on Sunday, September 7 from 10:30am-12pm.
- **Upcoming events (scroll down for details):**
  - **Labor Day Hike with Howard**, Mon., Sept. 1.
  - **4 Rabbis, 5 Opinions "Trouble Getting High On the Holidays?"**, Thur., Sept. 4.
  - **Mind, Body, and Soul Shabbat evening at the MAC**, Fri., Sept. 5.
  - **Jewish New Year Street Festival** on Lloyd Street, Sun., Sept. 14.
  - **Selichot and Pre-Selichot Concert & Kumsitz**, Sat. Sept. 20.
  - **Pre-Rosh Hashana Apple-Picking** at Baugher's Orchard, Sun., Sept. 21.
  - *Save the Date:* **B'nai Israel Sukkah Party** in Federal Hill, Sun., Oct. 12.

## Kiddush Sponsored By...

**Lynne Farbman & Doris Woltman**  
*in memory of their parents Isaac & Rachel Senor*

Bagels & Lox Kiddush with a Mediterrean theme



Celebrate your simcha, share your nachat (pride), memorialize a loved one, thank a friend or merit a refuah shlayma (complete recovery) while enhancing the shul's kiddush program.



*To sponsor a kiddush in full or in part  
please contact the office by [e-mail](#) or at 410-732-5454 as soon as possible.*

- Rabbi's Mishna Class: following breakfast at the Shemer's
- BIYA Boot Camp: 10:45AM at the Patterson Park Pagoda

Torah Tuesday, September 2

- Jewish Philosophy: 5:15PM
- Advanced Talmud Chabura: 8:00PM
- Tanya with Rabbi Siegel: TBA

## Volunteer Opportunities

We always have volunteer opportunities available!

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If you are interested or would like more details about any of these or other opportunities, please contact the office via [e-mail](mailto:office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org) or at 410-732-5454.

## Lost and Found

The synagogue's lost and found items are stored in the office. Contact the office via [e-mail](mailto:office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org) or at 410-732-5454 to retrieve your missing items.

## Special Events

### Labor Day Hike with Howard Cohn - Monday, September 1, 2014

If you're sticking around for Labor Day weekend, join Howard Cohn and others from B'nai Israel for a morning hike on the Soldiers Delight trail  
(*note the location change*)

Monday, September 1, 2014

Hike starting at 9:00am at 5100 Deer Park Rd, Owings Mills, MD 21117 or meet at 8:15am and carpool from B'nai Israel, 27 Lloyd St

Water and hiking shoes recommended. Brown bag lunch optional.

For more details about the Soldiers Delight trail [click here](#). To RSVP and for carpool, e-mail [office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org](mailto:office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org).

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### 4 Rabbis, 5 Opinions - Thursday, September 4, 2014

They call them the High Holidays - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - so what's the big deal? Join 4 Rabbis 5 Opinions for a night of beer and discussion about making meaning around the High Holidays. What are we supposed to feel? What do we actually experience and what, if anything, can we do to get more from these High Holy Days on the Jewish calendar?

**When:** Thursday, September 4, 7:00-9:00 PM

**Where:** Union Craft Brewery, 1700-D Union Ave., Baltimore, MD 21211

**Who:** Rabbi Etan Mintz, Rabbi Jessy Gross, Rabbi Daniel Burg, Rabbi Josh Snyder, and you!



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### Mind, Body, & Soul Shabbat - Friday, September 5, 2014

Please join B'nai Israel and the Maryland Athletic Club for a Mind, Body, & Soul Shabbat

Friday, September 5, 2014

5:30-8:00 PM

MAC at Harbor East, LLC

655 President St, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

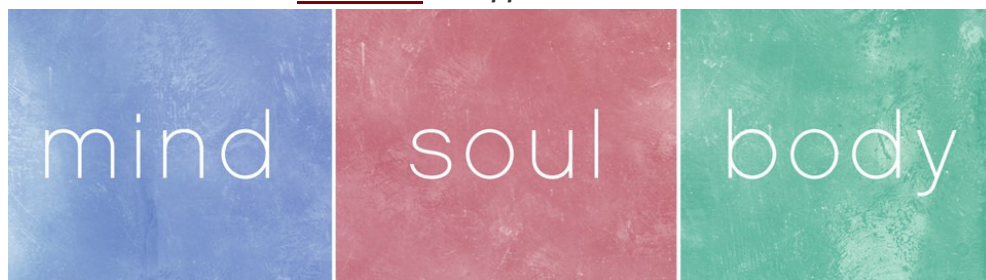
Happy Hour in the Lobby

Parent and Child Movement, Yoga Meditation, Meditation and Shabbat singing with selections from Kabbalat Shabbat  
Light Shabbat Fair

High Holiday Information and Ticket Sales

RSVP on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/events/143390072498211](http://www.facebook.com/events/143390072498211)  
or by e-mailing [office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org](mailto:office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org).

*Sponsorships available, \$180 suggested amount.  
[Click here](#) to support this event.*



*For more details, e-mail  
[office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org](mailto:office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org).*

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### **DATE CHANGE: Jewish New Year Mini-Fest - Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014**

Get you and your kids ready for Rosh Hashana with a  
Jewish New Year Mini-Fest  
complete with a shofar-making demonstration,  
honeycombs, apple cider, and moon bounce.

Sunday, September 14, 2014  
from 10:00-11:30 AM  
Right here on Lloyd Street  
(27 Lloyd to be specific)

For more details, e-mail [office@jewishdowntown.org](mailto:office@jewishdowntown.org).  
*Generously supported by The Jacob & Hilda Blaustein Fund of The Associated.*

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### **Selichot and Pre-Selichot Concert & Kumsitz - Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014**

Please join us and the Ma'aravi-Polak Folk Duo  
Saturday, September 20, 2014  
for Selichot and a Pre-Selichot Concert & Kumsitz



9:00 pm - Maariv & Havdalah  
9:15 pm - Concert & Kumsitz (sing-a-long)  
10:30 pm - Selichot

Light refreshments will be served.

To read more about Selichot click [here](#).

To listen to the Ma'aravi-Polak folk duo click [here](#).

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Ma'aravi/Polak is a folk duo that performs an eclectic mix of music from many places and periods. Their primary focus is on Jewish folk music from the Judeo-Spanish



(Ladino) tradition. They are also keenly interested in the music of the Breslov Hasidim, to which they add their unique interpretations. Ma'aravi/Polak consists of Rabbi Shuviel Ma'aravi and Joshua Polak.

Rabbi Ma'aravi is actively developing the Baltimore Esnoga, an organization dedicated to building open, inclusive and healing communities infused with the light and inspiration of the Western Sephardic tradition. He has developed a course on Jewish Meditational Music, presented this summer at Common Ground on the Hill in Westminster, MD.

Joshua Polak is the owner/proprietor of Guitars of Pikesville. Guitars of Pikesville sells and repairs guitars and other stringed instruments, carries a uniquely broad collection of music books, and offers guitar lessons to players of all ages and levels of experience. More than this, Guitars of Pikesville has become the nucleus of a diverse community of musicians who have become deeply connected and supportive to one another. Many have found their relationship to this community truly life changing.

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### **Pre-Rosh Hashana Apple Picking - Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014**

Join B'nai Israel Families for apple picking at  
Baugher's Orchard & Farm  
289 W Main St, Westminster, MD 21158

Sunday, September 21, 2014  
from 9:45 AM - 12 PM  
Carpool from B'nai Israel leaving at 9 AM

Hayride or tractor ride to the Orchard is \$1/person aged 1+  
Various apples available for picking, produce market, petting zoo, and picnic area.

Please RSVP [here](#) by Thursday, 9/12.

*Baugher's*

Celebrating 100 Years in Carroll County



### **B'nai Israel Young Adults (BIYA) Events**

- **BIYA Boot Camp**
  - Sunday, August 31, 2014 from 10:45-11:30 am
  - Pagoda at Patterson Park
  - \$5 per session or \$18 for the month
  - <http://www.biyabaltimore.org/biya-boot-camp.html>
  
- **B-More Shabbat**
  - Friday, September 19, 2014 from 6:30-10:00 pm
  - B'nai Israel, 27 Lloyd Street, 21202
  - \$8 per person

- <http://www.biyabaltimore.org/ticketsdonations.html>

**BIYA welcomes new involvement and has many leadership opportunities.**  
For more details, please e-mail [biyabaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:biyabaltimore@gmail.com).

## Community News

- **A message from Sara Brandenburg:** Dan Brandenburg (father of Sara Brandenburg) is in dire need of a kidney transplant. After two years waiting on the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) transplant list for a donor kidney, and with the current prospect of an additional two to five year wait, the Brandenburg family is now searching for a live donor. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Danielle Griffin at the Johns Hopkins Donor Coordinators Office at 410-614-9345 for additional information (and make sure to reference Dan Brandenburg). Please click below to read the letter from his

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# VOLUNTEER MISSION TO ISRAEL

November 2-13, 2014 ~ 1 & 2 week options

*Kickoff Meeting:* WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 / 7:30 pm  
Beth El Reb Epstein Chapel / 3300 Old Court Road / Baltimore 21208




**There are many ways to help Israel in its time of need. But there are very few ways to help with your hands.**

Volunteers for Israel, the exclusive representative of Sar El in the US, places citizens of any age (17+) on IDF logistics bases to perform civilian work such as packing medical supplies, repairing machinery and equipment, building fortifications, and cleaning, painting and maintaining the base. Volunteers work alongside Israeli soldiers, live in barracks on base, wear IDF work uniforms and enjoy three kosher meals a day. You will see a side of Israel not open to tourists and the knowledge that you came and helped Israel with your hands.

*For more information, contact Larry Feldman, VFI National President. l.feldman@vfi-usa.org*

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL**  
[www.vfi-usa.org](http://www.vfi-usa.org)



*If I am not for myself, who will be for me?  
If I am not for others, what am I?  
And if not now, when?*

~Hillel

*Mission dedicated to the memory of  
Dr. Steven Steinhilber, z"l.*

family: [Matching Words with Deeds - Helping Find a Kidney for Dan.](#)

## Jewish Museum of Maryland Events

B'nai Israel is pleased to share our campus with the Jewish Museum of MD.  
For information about programs taking place there in the upcoming weeks  
[CLICK HERE.](#)

For more information on upcoming events and exhibits go to  
[www.jewishmuseummd.org](http://www.jewishmuseummd.org).

# Shabbat Shalom!