

# VOICE

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## THE 7TH NIGHT OF HANUKKAH!

Tuesday, December 3, 2013  
5:30 p.m.

Experience the magic of Hanukkah through candle lighting, singing, storytelling, and of course latkes! Shlomo Horowitz, using drama-based storytelling will guide us through an action packed adventure pertaining to the miracles of Hanukkah. Shlomo will pull us into the story, making us feel like we are a part of the action; capturing the imagination of preschoolers, religious school students and adults alike. This is a multi-generational holiday experience you won't want to miss.

The Hanukkyiah lighting will take place outside of the Rubin Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Then everyone is invited inside to be entertained by Shlomo. Following the program, join us for latkes, dreidels and gelt. Help break Beth El's record of 97 hanukkiyah lit! Bring your own hanukkiyah and candles so we can light them together as a congregation.

Shlomo Horowitz is the founder of Jewish Crossroads, an award-winning program that has successfully impacted thousands of adults and teens throughout the USA, Canada, England and Israel since 1993, guiding them to explore and discover the beauty of Judaism. The premise of Crossroads is really quite simple: Everybody loves reality-based drama, whether it is on TV, cable or at the movies.

Please RSVP to **Fran Davis**, [fran@bethelbalto.com](mailto:fran@bethelbalto.com), 410-484-4543 or **Mandy Barish**, [mandy@bethelbalto.com](mailto:mandy@bethelbalto.com), 410-602-2245. Free and open to the community.



Shlomo Horowitz will entertain at the Hanukkah celebration on December 3 using drama-based storytelling.

## A Fall to Remember

By Peter G. Engelman

It was the morning of the last Yom Tov of Sukkot and the congregation was completing the final chapters of Leviticus. The Torah was rolled almost to the end of the parchment and the weight was noticeably heavier and unbalanced on the right side.

Marty Katz, a long standing member, known for wearing a colorful Buchari style Kippah, was carrying the Torah down from the Ark to be read from the Bima located in the center of the Gorn Chapel. Marty carried the heavy uneven Torah with grace and dignity while the members lined up in the aisles to pay their respects.

**THE CONGREGATION SALUTES YOU, MARTY, FOR HONORING BETH EL AND YOUR FAITH WITH SUCH DISTINCTION.**

Marty, an affable guy in his early eighties, approached the Bima slowly being careful not to trip on the elevated platform, but as he stepped along the narrow path, his heel caught the edge of the platform. Due to the unstable weight of the Torah, Marty's weight shifted and he lost his balance. His first thought was to hold tightly to the Holy Hebrew scriptures. Marty knew that Judaism considered it a grave sin for the Holy Torah to touch the floor.

From his early Hebrew education at Har Zion Synagogue on North Avenue, he remembered that the sin of dropping the Torah to the floor carried with it penitence of a day or more of fasting not only by the person who committed the sin, but also the entire congregation. This, he didn't want to happen.

Because of his strong faith and dedication, Marty contorted his body so that he would fall backward instead of forward. Clutching the Torah within his breast, he

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## THINK ABOUT BETH EL WHILE DOING YOUR YEAR-END TAXES

With 2014 just around the corner, it's the time of year when everyone starts thinking about year-end tax planning. Please consider Beth El Congregation in those plans and utilize the most advantageous income tax charitable deductions to benefit you. An appropriately-planned 2013 year-end gift or account payment can significantly reduce your taxable income while at the same time providing meaningful financial support for the congregation and its programs and services.

There are four types of charitable gifts for you to consider as 2013 comes to a close.

- First, there is no easier way to earn a 2013 year-end charitable deduction than by giving a gift of cash. If you itemize the donation, you can lower your 2013 income taxes simply by writing a check before December 31. In addition, gifts of cash are fully deductible up to a maximum of 50 percent of



your adjusted gross income.

- If you own stock, it is always better to contribute it over cash because a gift of appreciated stock will generally offer you tax savings in two ways – first, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of the stock and second, you

receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair-market value of the stock at the time of the gift.

- Many people are unaware that you can also make a gift of real estate. When an owned residence has appreciated in value so much that its sale would mean a sizeable capital gains tax, a year-end gift of the property to the congregation would avoid that tax as well as earn you a charitable deduction for the full fair-market value of the property.

- Finally, if you are considering a major gift,

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**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

Mrs. Josephine Becker on the loss of her beloved mother, Emily Velelli.  
 Mrs. Doris B. Fuld on the loss of her beloved husband, Dr. George J. Fuld.  
 Mrs. Sandra Lebowitz on the loss of her beloved father, Bernard A. Greenberg.  
 Mr. Jerry Levenson on the loss of his beloved mother, Gloria Levenson.  
 Mrs. Toby Goodman and Mrs. Miriam "Mimi" Resnick on the loss of their beloved mother, Selma Ricklen Hertzbach.  
 Mrs. Shirley Rodbell and Mrs. Susan Silverman on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Morton H. Rodbell.  
 Mrs. Ilene Schwartz on the loss of her beloved mother, Miriam Caplan.  
 Ms. Judy Schwartz on the loss of her brother, Gordon Schwartz.  
 Mrs. Ellen Spak on the loss of her beloved husband, Dr. Allen Spak.  
 Mr. Seymour Sussman and Mrs. Selma Shaivitz on the loss of their beloved sister, Lenore Rena Sborofsky.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

George Goodman  
 Richard Gordon  
 John Hillman

**OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:**

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Cohen on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lauren Avery Cohen; grandmother is Mrs. Shirley Cohen.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Frank on the birth of their grandson, Sterling Harrison Frank.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilston Hutzler on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Henry Nathan Hutzler; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Berkowitz.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kahn on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emily Rose Kahn; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Berkowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Kahn.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Levine on the birth of their grandson, Jaceon James Levine; great grandmother is Mrs. Betty Zlotowitz.  
 Mrs. Brenda Mandel and Mr. Lou Frock on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Autumn Brae and Savannah Lee Trayer.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ringel on the engagement of their daughter Rachel, to Ari Lukiuff.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Ronald Rubin on the engagement of their son, Dr. Andrew Rubin to Lisa Sharpe.

**DECEMBER MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES**

Arlene Small and Bruce Abramson on their 5th  
 Stacy and Keith Forman on their 5th  
 Deborah and Benjamin Abrams on their 10th  
 Joanna and Allan Levy on their 10th  
 Jill and Bryan Wachs on their 15th  
 Yelena and Michael Frankel on their 20th  
 Georgia and Stephen Matz on their 25th  
 Lisa and Michael Pachino on their 25th  
 Gail and Mark Silberman on their 25th  
 Susan and Donald Tannenbaum on their 35th  
 Bonnie and Peter Engel on their 40th  
 Shelley and Robert Shemer on their 40th  
 Eva and Robert Slatkin on their 40th  
 Deborah and Edward Weiner on their 40th  
 Marjorie and Ronald Rubin on their 45th  
 Connie and Ronald Shillman on their 45th  
 Arlyn and Harold Simons on their 45th  
 Barbara and Marvin Hurwitz on their 50th  
 Audrey and Mark Lifcovich on their 50th  
 Joyce and Arnold Sapperstein on their 50th  
 Joanne and Alan Shecter on their 50th  
 Gloryann and Lee Snyder on their 55th  
 Marlyn and Seymour Baida on their 60th  
 Sondra and Bernard Eisenberg on their 60th  
 Gloria and Paul Levin on their 65th

**SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES**

Morning		Evening	
Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m.	Monday – Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Rosh Chodesh	7:45 a.m.	Friday	6:00 p.m.
Shabbat	10:00 a.m.	Saturday	sundown*
Sunday & Legal Holidays	9:15 a.m.	Sunday & Legal Holidays	5:30 p.m.

\*Check website or call 410-580-2727

**BAR & BAT MITZVAH**



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Lauren Avery Cohen**, daughter of Shari and Dr. Michael Cohen, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah December 28, 2013 during the Havdallah service.

*Time flies when you are having fun!*

Whoops! We published the November 2012 anniversaries last month in error. We sincerely apologize for posting the incorrect Milestone Anniversaries. Below are the corrected Milestone Anniversaries for November 2013:

**November Milestone Anniversaries:**

Ailene and Stan Fradin on their 10th  
 Marci and Andrew Gordon on their 10th  
 Laurie and Larry Weiss on their 10th  
 Michele and Craig Berman on their 15th  
 Patricia and Gilbert Cohen on their 15th  
 Lisa and Erik Sparks on their 20th  
 Roz and Michael Blum on their 25th  
 Yasmin and Ira Geller on their 25th  
 Nancy and Buz Hiken on their 25th  
 Sandra and Charles Lurie on their 25th  
 Joanne and David Michaelson on their 25th  
 Joanne and Marshall Rief on their 25th  
 Sandy and Peter Engelman on their 35th  
 Shelley and Joseph Lichtfuss on their 35th  
 Victoria and Yury Polikov on their 35th  
 Gilda and Harold Resnick on their 60th  
 Shelia and Herbert Sweren on their 60th  
 Adrienne and Joseph Trost on their 60th

OFFICE CLOSINGS

Beth El Congregation will be closed for all federal holidays: Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1 Services will still take place. Refer to Schedule of Services on page 3 for special holiday times.

**HOTLINES**

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DR. GEORGE J. FULD  
 GLORIA LEVENSON  
 MORTON H. RODBELL  
 LENORE RENA SOBOROFSKY  
 DR. ALLEN SPAK**

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

Beth El is compiling a list of our members who would like to receive email notifications of congregational obituaries. If you wish to be added to this list, please email **Sandi Block** at [sandi@bethelbalto.com](mailto:sandi@bethelbalto.com).



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Monday, December 2 - Thursday, December 5, Hanukkah, Day 5 - 8

Morning Service: 7:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 6

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 4:23 p.m.

### Saturday, December 7

#### Parsha of the Week – Vayigash

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 4:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 13

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 4:24 p.m.

### Saturday, December 14

#### Parsha of the Week – Veyechi

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 4:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 20

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 4:26 p.m.

### Saturday, December 21

#### Parsha of the Week – Shemot

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 4:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 25

#### Federal Holiday - Office Closed

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

### Friday, December 27

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Candle lighting 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 28

#### Parsha of the Week – Va'era

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 4:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 1

#### Federal Holiday - Office Closed

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

SAVE THE DATE



An Evening of Diamonds, Dice & Denim  
Gambling, Prizes, Food, Drink and Free Babysitting

## FALL TO REMEMBER – CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

twisted his leg as he fell backward to the hard floor of the Bima. The sharp pain he felt as he went down was ignored as he fell on his back, protecting his Jewish heritage.

Many of the members ran to Marty's aid rescuing the Torah from his grasp. They asked if he wanted to continue with his honor to the Bima, he pleaded to fulfil his aliyah...and he did! Like a seasoned veteran football player, Marty arose and shook off his embarrassment and pain. The Torah was firmly implanted back in his grasp. He limped to the Bima, carefully maintaining his balance while carrying his precious cargo and fulfilling his mission.

Marty Katz is representative of those members of our congregation whose faith is carried deep within them. They value our Torah as representative of that faith. They show their dedication and loyalty by ignoring embarrassment, pain and suffering that otherwise might prevent them from carrying out their task and in this instance, their aliyah or honor. The congregation salutes you, Marty, for honoring Beth El and your faith with such distinction.

*Post script: As a result of Marty's fall, the synagogue has lowered the bima in the Gorn Chapel by one notch. Hopefully this adjustment will prevent a similar type of accident from happening in the future.*

## LET IT SNOW – BUT KEEP YOUR RADIO OR COMPUTER NEARBY

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

### Beth El School Emergency Closing Policy:

#### Weekday: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood

- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by noon for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, weather hotline and WBAL TV and Radio. Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood
- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 5:30 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, weather hotline and WBAL TV and Radio.
- We will send an email to all parents by 5:30 a.m. if we are opening late or closing. NO MESSAGE MEANS WE ARE OPEN.
- If inclement weather comes during the day, parents will be notified of an early closing. Sunday: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Sunday School
- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 8:00 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website and weather hotline.

Beth El website: [www.bethelbalto.com](http://www.bethelbalto.com)  
Weather Hotline: 410-580-5082

## YEAR-END TAXES – CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a life-income gift is the most generous way to make such a donation. This is done by transferring cash or stock to the congregation by establishing a charitable remainder unitrust or charitable remainder annuity unitrust which would provide you with an annual return of five percent or greater. The income would be paid to you for life, after which the assets would be distributed to Beth El. Such a donation not only increases your income, but also makes a meaningful and tax-deductible donation to the congregation at the same time.

By considering a year-end gift to Beth El – whether it is in support of the Annual Appeal, a contribution in honor of a special event, or a memorial dedicated to a loved one or – your charitable and tax-deductible gift will make an immediate impact on the financial well-being of the congregation and would be appreciated by all those who take advantage of our scholarships, congregational programs and other areas of synagogue life that your contributions help make possible.

For more information or to make a contribution, please contact **Director of Development Ailene Sher at 410-580-5159 or [ailene@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ailene@bethelbalto.com).**

## Healing Service

**Shabbat, December 21  
Kreitzer Memorial Room  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

With so many people in our community in need of healing, Rabbi Saroken will be leading a prayer circle/healing service.

Anyone in need of healing  
or praying for your loved ones  
is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

**December 2, 2013, 11:30 a. m.**



Guest speaker is Carla Hayden, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Topic: *The Fate of Reading in an Electronic Age*

Subscription holders who will not attend should notify: Marcia Boonshaft: jmboonshaft@verizon.net (410-484-3112) or Esther Harris:teach5ech@aol.com (410-486-3177)

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

**January 6, 11:30 a.m.**



Speaker – Jessica Anya Blau – Noted Local Author

Jessica Anya Blau's third novel, *The Wonder Bread Summer*, was featured on CNN as one of three summer books to read. It was also featured on NPR as one of five books to read this summer and on Oprah's summer reading list. She is also the author of the bestselling novel, *The Summer of Naked Swim Parties*, and the critically acclaimed

fictionalized memoir, *Drinking Closer to Home*. Jessica has published over 25 short stories in literary magazines and co-wrote the screenplay for the film Franny, which is currently in post-production. A graduate of the Johns Hopkins Writing Seminars, she lives in Baltimore with her husband, David Grossbach, and her two daughters.

CALENDAR FOR SISTERHOOD TRIPS 2014

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

• **Sunday, March 23, 2014** - registration for the new musical "Beaches" at the Signature Theatre in Arlington, Va. will open Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and on Beth El's website ([www.bethelbalto.com](http://www.bethelbalto.com)) or at the reception desk of the synagogue.

• **Thursday, April 24, 2014\*** – Brooklyn, NY Botanical Gardens and the Brooklyn Museum of Art

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

\*Registration for the April and May trips will open on Tuesday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m. on Beth El's website ([www.bethelbalto.com](http://www.bethelbalto.com)) or at the reception desk of the synagogue. If you have any questions, 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 ARCHIVES PROJECT CONTINUES

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

RECEPTION HELD FOR NEW MEMBERS

It was the beginning of a wonderful day. The Sisterhood New Members Orientation/Reception on Sunday, September 29, 2013 began with greetings from our Co-Presidents, Judy Pachino and Marlene Siegel. Each new member received a gift bag. Past President Judy Frankle reviewed information in the directory. The participants introduced themselves to each other and offered their reasons for wanting to join Sisterhood. The hour went by quickly and we were off to the paid-up brunch. If you know of someone who may be a perspective member please call **Susan Hackerman** [shacker1@hotmail.com](mailto:shacker1@hotmail.com) (410-486-2523) Membership Liaison.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like to welcome the following new members for 2013-2014:

**Judy Bach, Fran Baum, Wendy Berman, Rosalyn Caplan, Nancy Rosen-Cohen, Phyllis Cramer, Barbara Fried, Marcia Gellis, Nancy Jachman, Sybil Kolodny, Rita Rosenfeld, Connie Shillman, Ellen Spak, Cherie Stewart, Leonora Talles, Emily Unger, Laurie Weiss, and Susan Weintraub**  
The courtesy members for 2013-2014: **Frances Bernstein, Edy Bondroff, Suzanne Grant, Ilene Meyers, Janene Malamud, Cheryl Weinstein and Lela Zeitlin**

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Jewish Theological Seminary is a bright candle lighting the way by educating future Rabbis, cantors and teachers. All donations to the Torah Fund go a long way to helping us achieve our goal and are greatly appreciated. Beautiful cards can be purchased at all times by contacting Jane Krosin [janiekine@comcast.net](mailto:janiekine@comcast.net) (410-484-4218) or Hilda Dopkin [hildop@aol.com](mailto:hildop@aol.com) (410-486-4453).

BIBLIO



BIBLIO extends a cordial invitation to all to attend our **December 11** meeting at noon in the Kolker Room. One of our favorite and popular reviewers, Anita Potemkin, will revisit *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. The patriarch Jacob's daughter Dina has been given a voice after centuries by the author's talent and imagination. What is your opinion on the writer's version of Dinah's dilemma? Was it force or compliance?

Please bring a kosher lunch. Our hostess for December, Barbara Berkowitz, will provide dessert. Beth El supplies tea and coffee. If you have any questions contact **Frida Fraiman** [ffraiman@comcast.net](mailto:ffraiman@comcast.net) (410-363-6464) or **Joan Flaks** (410-486-6246).

RABBIS' BOOK REVIEWS AND PETITE LUNCHEONS



Rabbi Dana Saroken's book review of *The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra will be held in the Myers Auditorium on **Wednesday, January 22** at noon preceded by a "Petite Luncheon." This novel tells the story of Dr. Armin Jaafari, an Israeli Arab. He seems fully assimilated into Tel Aviv society, with a loving wife, a successful career and numerous Jewish friends. However, after a restaurant bombing, his life is totally changed. Through his story, one sees vividly the human cost of terrorism on both the Arabs and the Israelis.

Rabbi Steven Schwartz will present a review of Alan Dershowitz's latest book, *Taking the Stand: My Life in the Law*, on **Wednesday, March 19** at noon also preceded by a "Petite Luncheon."

The cost for each event is \$12. You may send your check for \$24 to cover both book reviews. Your envelope to the synagogue office should be marked attention: Alice Levin, and your check should be noted for book review(s).

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

The dates are **May 4, 5 and 6!**



After many requests, we have agreed that Unique Boutique will be a three-day event this coming May. Although applications are not being accepted until the first of the year, we want the Beth

El family to have the first opportunity to communicate with any prospective quality vendors who may be interested.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

The mid-winter conference will take place on **Thursday, January 9, 2014**, 9:45 a.m. (snow date 1/16) at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Rabbi Jessy Gross, the JCC's Downtown Outreach Coordinator, will speak on "Engaging the Next Generation in Jewish Life". **RSVP by January 2, 2014 to Honey Litman** (410-486-8116) or **Estelle Kabik** [kabassoc@comcast.net](mailto:kabassoc@comcast.net) (410-833-2769).



# SENIORS

## JANUARY MEETING

Sunday, January 12



The Beth El Seniors will be holding their January luncheon meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 1:30

p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. Come and join us for a lunch of delicious specialties. The cost for the afternoon is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests. Our entertainment for the afternoon will be Seth Kibel, Klesmer, plus specialist and friend on the piano.

**Reservations and payments are due no later than Friday, December 30, 2013.** Please advise if you would like a sugar-free dessert and with whom you would like to be seated. The seating committee will do its best to accommodate your seating wishes. For further information, call **Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653 or Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242.**

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

### TORAH MAINTENANCE FUND

A project of the Beth El Seniors is to support the maintenance and repair of our synagogue's Torahs and Megillot. A kosher, usable Torah must be written by hand with a pen and special ink by a learned scribe. Every letter must be perfectly formed and every word must be correctly spelled. The ink cannot be chipped off even a little bit. The parchment that the Torah is written on must be flawless. The slightest tear or smudge will render the Torah unfit for use. The Beth

El Torahs are regularly inspected and repaired. This is a costly process. Beth El Seniors is pleased to provide financial support for this entire process. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a process that keeps our sacred scrolls preserved for future generations. Torah Maintenance Fund cards may be purchased at the Beth El front office or **call Dorothy Fineblum at 410-653-2631.** These all-purpose cards are six for \$10 or \$2 each.



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

## A heartfelt "Todah Rabbah!"

*From Rabbi Saroken in the aftermath of her grandfather's death:*  
I wanted to thank you all for your support, kindness, and thoughtfulness that you extended to me after learning about my grandfather, Henry Several's (z'l) recent death. My grandfather was a very special man who was blessed to live a long life and a good life, so when we buried him, between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, we said our good-byes with both profound sadness in our hearts and an equally profound sense of gratitude and appreciation to God for the life that my grandfather was blessed to live: He knew the greatest of loves, created a beautiful family, knew meaningful work and had hobbies that filled his days with happiness and after 101 years – what more could a person wish for?!

Thank you again, for caring about our loss, for giving tzedaka in his merit and for your incredibly thoughtful and touching correspondences. I will carry on his torch and his legacy and may we all be blessed to know good lives and fulfilling lives and to strive to live "content" with all that we have been given!



The Sisterhood New Members Orientation/ Reception began with greetings from Co-Presidents, Judy Pachino and Marlene Seigel.



Past President Judy Frankle reviewing information in the directory.



## AGUS LIBRARY

The Agus Library became a project of the members of Sisterhood when it was reorganized under its auspices and the leadership of Marlene Siegel.

This wonderful facility is filled with a variety of books of Jewish and general interest. In order to sustain and increase its viability, we need your help. If you have an hour or two each week, your assistance is needed.

To arrange a time of your convenience, please contact Barbara Berkowitz [barbberk@verizon.net](mailto:barbberk@verizon.net) 410-296-8424.

### HOURS

Monday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

If these times are not convenient for you, contact Barbara Berkowitz to make an appointment. [barbberk@verizon.net](mailto:barbberk@verizon.net) or 410-296-8424.

### SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON JANUARY 6, 2014, 11:30 a.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

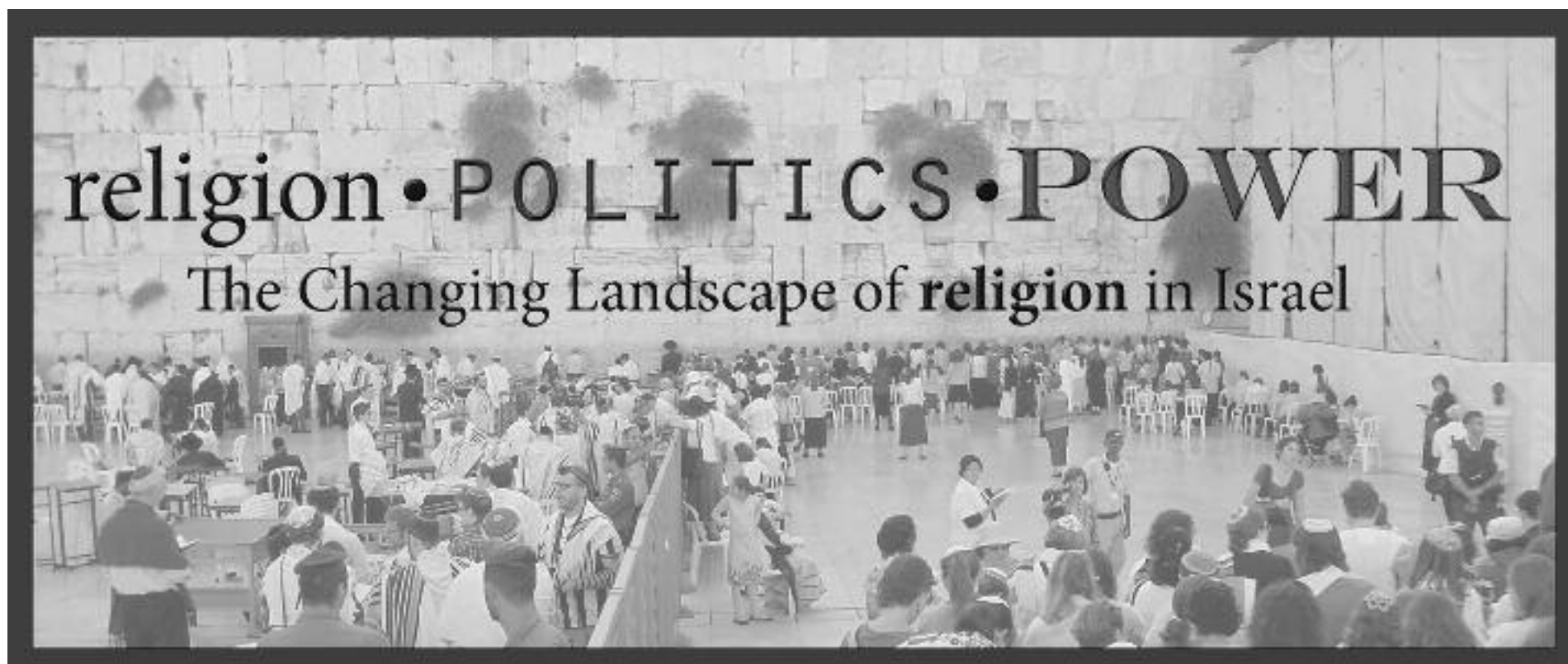
Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Your check is your receipt. Subscription holders who will not attend should notify Marcia Boonshaft by Thursday, December 26. [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 WE ARE UNABLE TO SEAT WALK INS FOR LUNCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM.





Stay tuned for more details ...

## IT IS RAELY TRUE



### Women ... in the IDF

Israel is the only country in the world that requires women to serve in the armed forces. This instills a profound sense that the entire society contributes to the security of the country. Women make up 34% of all soldiers and 57% of all officers; 92% of positions in the IDF are available for female soldiers - numbers unparalleled worldwide. Additionally, eight times the number of women on active duty serve in reserves.

### Women ... in the Government

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, only thirteen women have served as cabinet ministers, including former-Prime Minister Golda Meir and former-Vice Prime Minister Tzipi Livni. While every government since 1992 has included at least one woman minister, at least seven of the thirty-three governments have featured zero women in power positions.

### Women ... of the Wall

The central mission of the Women of the Wall is to achieve the social and legal recognition of the right, as women, to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall. In October, they resolved to lobby the government to create a third prayer section in front of the Western Wall that would be under the administration of a multi-denominational, gender-equal board. The Women of the Wall would agree, under certain conditions, to relocate its services from the women's section of the Western Wall plaza to a newly created area, as long as the group received administrative and budgetary clout in the site's management.

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## BETH EL LEGACY SOCIETY

Thank you to our newest members:  
**Dr. Jules\* and Alice Levin**

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

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

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IN MEMORY OF BELOVED HUSBAND  
STANFORD HIRSCH  
OCTOBER 23, 2013  
BY PHYLLIS OLETSKY FRANKLIN

# EVENT

This past fall Beth El's Events Committee coordinated a Cooking Class with Susie Fishbein. Fishbein is a world famous kosher cook and author of the "kosher by design" cook book series



Attendees check out Susie's "kosher by design" cookbooks.



Susie cooking for the crowd of 60.

From left to right, Joanne Reif, Susie Fishbein, Event Coordinator, Dale Kahn, Marshall Reif. The class was underwritten by Marshall and Dr. Joanne Rief and family in memory of Norma Rief.





GO GREEN!

## BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

As the seasons begin to change your family migrates indoors for the winter, a lot of energy can be wasted to keep your family and your home comfortable. Between 40 and 70% of all home energy is wasted, but we could save about half of that by buying efficient appliances and taking energy-saving measures.

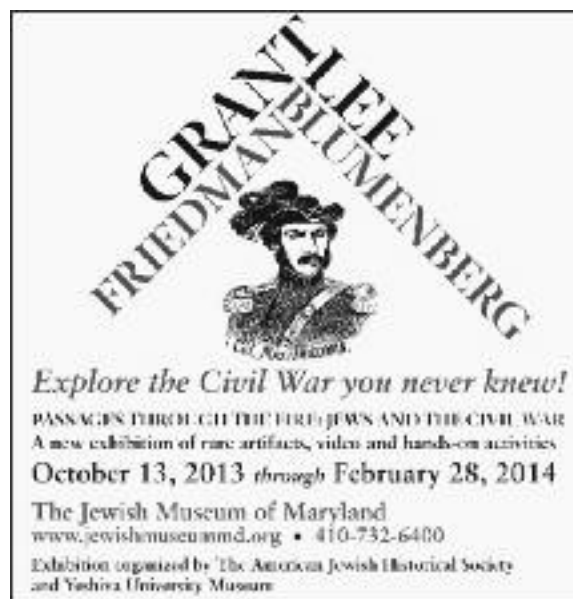
### The 10 Biggest Energy Users

- Water heaters
- Freezers
- Ranges
- Clothes dryers
- Lights
- Refrigerators
- Air conditioners
- Clothes washers
- Dishwashers
- Portable heaters

And here are some inexpensive solutions to consider:

- **Caulk it:** Small spaces and gaps around windows, pipes and wires entering the home create energy wasting drafts that can cut the efficiency of your heating system.
- **Block drafts:** Draft blockers are foam plates that fit behind light switches and electrical outlets to reduce drafts that enter through those spaces.
- **Upgrade your thermostat:** Changing your thermostat to a programmable one allows you to control the temperature in your home at different times of the day without you being home.
- **Reflective Window Film:** Place these thin, plastic sheets directly on the inside of window panes and glass doors. The film reflects inside heat back into your home, reducing the amount that is conducted outside through windows.
- **Weather stripping:** Create a tight seal around all your windows to reduce heated and cooled air from escaping outside. Weather strips are plastic, foam, felt or rubber strips that fit around window and door frames with a self-adhesive backing.

<http://www.earthshare.org/2008/09/button-up-your.html>



## Exhibit now at the Jewish Museum of Maryland

Join Us for Beth El Night  
at the Jewish Museum of Maryland  
Wednesday, January 29, 2014,  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Exhibit Tour

RSVP to Sandi Block at 410-484-0411 or email [sandi@bethelbalto.com](mailto:sandi@bethelbalto.com).  
Admission is free, but RSVPs are requested.

By Arnold Fruman

A critically acclaimed and extremely informative Civil War exhibit documenting the lives and roles of Jewish Americans in this critical period in our history is on display at the Jewish Museum of Maryland now through February 28, 2014.

The Civil War changed American Jewish life, particularly in Baltimore and the State of Maryland. The exhibit (open Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and the companion "1861 Tour" of the Lloyd Street Synagogue (at 3:00 p.m. each open day) offer surprising stories about our history. It reveals the Jewish community split in Baltimore over the question of slavery in the years leading up to the War; stories of some of the more than 7,000 US Jews who served in the Union Armed forces and the estimated 3,000 in the Confederacy; and the impact of the war on non-combatants – including women, merchants, craftsmen and rabbis.

Please make every effort to visit the Jewish Museum of Maryland to learn more about the very rich heritage of the Jewish people through the lens of this dramatic period of our history.

To learn more, go to: [www.jewishmuseummd.org](http://www.jewishmuseummd.org) or call (410) 732-6400.

## CALLING ALL SNOW BIRDS!!!

Please contact **Dora Smith** at 410-484-0411 or email [dora@bethelbalto.com](mailto:dora@bethelbalto.com) with the dates you will be leaving for Florida and returning back to Baltimore this year.

We are planning our annual Florida brunch for February 2014. More information to follow.



## THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB JUDAIC STUDIES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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now has videos, pictures and a full calendar of events and services, dedicated pages for the schools and all the affiliates and committees and more!

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

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

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• Follow Rabbi Schwartz on Twitter @sceezo.



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

JEWISH SHORT STORIES

Dates: **December 2, January 6**  
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Gail Lipsitz  
Location: Agus Library  
Stories available at the reception desk at Beth El one month in advance.  
Contact Ellen Marks, 410-580-5166 or email [ellenm@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ellenm@bethelbalto.com).

1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL

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



**December 4: Yvonne Daniel** will present "Jews that Immigrated to Shanghai from Nazi Germany." China opened their doors to European Jews during the Holocaust. Yvonne, who was born in Shanghai, will present a video from the Shanghai Jewish Refugee Museum.

**January 8: Dr. Donald Thomas**, astronaut and mathematics professor at Towson University, will discuss his experiences in space, accompanied by a fascinating slide presentation. This program is appealing to adults and is appropriate for children 8 years and older.

**TZION BALTIMORE CLASSES 2013-2014**

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

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



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

**BALTIMORE HEBREW INSTITUTE ADULT EDUCATION**  
**HEBREW COURSES AT BETH EL**

Offering Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, as well as, Modern Hebrew: Absolute Beginner, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels

**Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

For more information or to register, contact **Michelle Taylor at 410-704-7118 or [mtaylor@towson.edu](mailto:mtaylor@towson.edu)**

**Fall 2013 (10 sessions)**  
cost: \$180  
December: 4, 11, 18

**Spring 2014 (15 sessions)**  
cost: \$270  
February: 5, 12, 19, 26  
March: 5, 12, 19, 26  
April: 2, 9, 23, 30  
May: 7, 14, 21

**THANK YOU!**

The Environmental Committee hosted another successful Shredding and Recycling event this past fall. The weather cooperated and we had a fantastic turnout. Thank you to our volunteers and to those who took advantage of these services. We will be hosting another event in the spring - we look forward to seeing you then.

*Hulane dressed for the part.*



*Jerry enjoying himself.*



*Volunteers assisting our members.*

**Got paper to recycle?**

We are greatly appreciative of your participation in our paper recycling efforts that help raise awareness and funds for Beth El. Please note that the Abitibi green and yellow dumpsters at the fringe of the parking lot are designed to collect only paper, newspapers, and magazines and **do not accept cardboard of any kind including food boxes.**

Thank you again for your support.  
The Environmental Committee





## PRESCHOOL NEWS

**Now Accepting Registration For January Two's, My Grown Up and Me, and Zumbini Classes!**

### January Two's class begins Monday, January 6

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

### My Grown Up and Me, Tuesdays, starting January 7 - May 20, 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This is a playgroup for parents/nannies and 12 - 24 month old children. Children will have art experiences, music, finger plays and Jewish holiday experiences under the supervision of a trained toddler teacher. Cost \$350 member; \$380 non-member. For more information contact [mandy@bethelbalto.com](mailto:mandy@bethelbalto.com).

### Zumbini, Wednesdays starting January 8 - February 26, 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### Thursdays, starting January 9 - February 27, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Zumbini class is for adults and children from birth to 3 years old. The Zumbini program is where the science of child development meets the magic of Zumba. Classes feature 8 weeks of cool Zumba music packed with kid-friendly tunes. The class will be taught by a certified Zumbini instructor.

### Never Too Early To Think About Camp!

Register now for our exciting new summer program with Coppermine. Same flexible schedule, expanded sports and nature experiences, and optional swimming. For more information contact **Mandy Barish** at [mandy@bethelbalto.com](mailto:mandy@bethelbalto.com).

## It's All Challah To Me

Room 7, Morah Heather and Morah Fran  
By Heather Hurwitz

It is first thing Thursday morning, a child "reads" (sees the picture that represents challah baking) the schedule on the board and shouts with excitement "Morah Heather! We bake challah today!" Morah Heather replies, "...you are correct, today we make the dough and tomorrow we will shape and bake it." "And then I can put my hands in it!" the child says.

Challah baking in our classroom has become something that every child looks forward to, and each child likes a different part of the process. We asked each preschooler what their favorite part of baking challah is. They responded playing with the dough, eating the challah, putting it in the oven, making the dough into their own challah, and stirring in the eggs.

On Thursdays before we begin to bake the dough we ask the children what they want to put in their challah for the week. We have made challah with raisins, chocolate chips, and plain. We have even dyed the dough different colors.

Friday during class meeting time we read *It's Challah Time* by Latifa Berry Kropf, which talks about a class getting ready for Shabbat and baking challah just as we do.

Cooking with children is about much more than the end result, most weeks no one even eats the challah during our class Shabbat, they take it home. What matters most is what the children get out of the cooking and baking process. During cooking children work on their math and science skills, promote literacy, develop their senses, and help boost their confidence. Math skills come into play with something as simple as counting how many eggs we need. For our challah we need 7 cups of flour, we count along as each friend takes a turn scooping and pouring the flour. We read the recipe together each week which helps promote literacy and introduces new words to the children. The preschoolers learn best by hands on experiences and discovery. Baking challah awakes the senses by smelling the dough and the baked challah, kneading and then seeing the dough rise, and the best part; tasting it. Lastly, challah baking reinforces the fun about keeping Shabbat and all of its traditions.



## 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!

**December 21**

January 25 • February 8 • March 22 • April 26 • May 10

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

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

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

**Mark Your Calendar!**

<b>December 7</b>	February 1	April 5
January 11	March 1	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).

**December 7 and 14**

January 4, 11, 25 • February 1, 22  
March 1, 8, 22 • April 5, 26 • May 3, 17, 31

**IT'S BACK!**

**Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!**



**M&M Shabbat  
2013 - 2014**

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

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

**Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!**

<b>December 6</b>	February 7	April 4	June 6
January 3	March 7	May 2	

# 2013-14 BETH EL ANNUAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTORS

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On October 20, 2013 the Men's Club had its First Family Tailgate Party at Beth El. It was a beautiful day where everyone had a great time. Kids, from three to eighty three were playing football and having fun before the game. Everyone enjoyed the unlimited hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. The Men's Club hopes to see you at its next event.

### Sunday, December 15 1st Annual Paid-Up Member Brunch Offit Auditorium, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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





UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 2:** Salvation Army Feed More (and every first Monday of each month)

**Tuesday, December 24:** Providing local police and fire stations with donuts and soda

**Wednesday, December 25:** Delivering food for Moveable Feast

If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these activities please send an e-mail to **Ellen Budish** at [ebudish@verizon.net](mailto:ebudish@verizon.net) or **Jeanette Davis** at [Jeajekdavis@hotmail.com](mailto:Jeajekdavis@hotmail.com).

The Social Action Committee wants to take this opportunity to thank all those, who have in the past, donated clothing which we have distributed to various organizations. We are, for the time being, suspending this project. We will announce any future change in this decision. Thank you again to all who have helped to make this project successful.

**SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS**  
**Monday – Thursday • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

**DECEMBER IS HERE & WE ARE CONTINUING TO CELEBRATE HANUKKAH!**

**Stop in the Shop for last minute merchandise for family and friends of all ages.**



*Check out our new Nail Decals! Easy to apply. Lasts up to 10 days. The Shop is fully stocked to complete your holiday gift list!*



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



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



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**Dated Material**  
Please Deliver by December 1

**Monday, December 2**  
**Follow Up On Evening with Ben Cardin**  
**Sonia Baum Boardroom, 5:00 p.m.**

As a follow up to Ben Cardin's evening on Social Security and healthcare, there will be a Q&A session. Mitchel Penn, CFA will be joined by a group of specialists to help answer your questions. RSVP to [frontdesk@bethelbato.com](mailto:frontdesk@bethelbato.com).

## VOICE YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE "VOICE"

As part of our efforts to keep Beth El members informed, we are evaluating the "Voice," our monthly newsletter. Please help us by taking a minute to complete this brief survey, which is available on Beth El's website ([www.bethelbato.com](http://www.bethelbato.com)). If you prefer, you may complete the survey below and mail it to Beth El or bring it to the reception desk at the office. Please mark your envelope "Voice Survey." We are also sending this survey to our e-mail list. Your responses are very important to us. The results will influence the format and content of the revised "Voice." **Please send in your responses by December 31st.**

Thank you,  
Michael Rubenstein, Voice Committee Chair

1. Please rate the way you obtain information from Beth El. Indicate from 1 (most used) to 7 (least used).

\_\_\_ The Voice    \_\_\_ The Shofar    \_\_\_ Beth El Website    \_\_\_ Shabbat Handout  
\_\_\_ Beth El Facebook Page    \_\_\_ Twitter    \_\_\_ Weekly E-mail Update

2. What are your favorite sections of the Voice? Please list up to 3.

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3. What topics in the "Voice" hold the least interest for you? Please list up to 3.

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4. Do you think the overall size (dimensions) of the "Voice" should remain the same or be made smaller?  
\_\_\_ Same    \_\_\_ Smaller

5. I read the "Voice" \_\_\_ as soon as I get it \_\_\_ within the week \_\_\_ whenever I get around to it \_\_\_ never.

6. As a "green" synagogue, we are trying to reduce the use of paper. Would you be willing to read the "Voice" online? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ already read it online

7. I would prefer that all Beth El communications be by e-mail \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no..

8. Demographic information will assist us in targeting your needs,

Are you,    \_\_\_ Under 35 years old  
              \_\_\_ 36-49  
              \_\_\_ 50-65  
              \_\_\_ 66+

\_\_\_ Male    \_\_\_ Female

Comments: We welcome your suggestions for topics, features, or regular columns in the "Voice."

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