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LET'S DO THE TIME WARP AGAIN!

Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

By Rabbi Faith Cantor

Hanukkah, perhaps one of the most popular holidays of the Jewish year, is not mentioned anywhere in the Torah. It is a Rabbinic holiday, that was established to commemorate and celebrate the miraculous victory of a small minority of Jews against the larger, well established Greek military. The Greeks had taken over the Land of Israel and were spreading Hellenism everywhere in their path; the Maccabees, a family of priests were brave enough to begin a revolt, that would eventually result in the Land of Israel being freed (albeit temporarily) from an outside aggressor.

The rabbis who established Hanukkah had one goal in mind. In requiring us to light the *Chanukiah*, the rabbis are teaching us their value of *pirsumei haneis* – publicizing the miracle.

Our *Chanukiot* must be lit in windows or doorways where passersby will see them and remember the miracle of Hanukkah. The modern custom of decorating the house, while perhaps influenced by our Christian neighbors, serves the same purpose. When you walk by a house with a *Chanukiah* on the front lawn or see dreidles in the window, whether you are Jewish or not, you are instantly reminded of the Maccabees' battle for religious freedom.

This year, Beth El invites you to participate in the *Pirsumei HaNeis* – publicizing the miracle by joining us on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. We will time warp in history, as we tell the story of the brave Maccabees.

Thanks to Sonya Goodman, we will be experiencing a gourmet latke tasting. Zucchini, carrots, curry, and other surprises will be available for you to rank and vote for your favorite. The celebration will continue with games of dreidle and of course our community candle lighting ceremony.

Beth El Schools are hosting a *Chanukiah* Design contest. If your family would like to participate, please complete the sign-up sheet and give it to Fran Davis. Awards and prizes will be announced during our Time Warp Celebration.

The Beth El Schools also need your help with their Hanukkah canned food drive! We are looking to collect as many cans as possible and we will transform them into a three-dimensional *Chanukiah* before our Confirmation students donate them to a local food bank.

If you are wondering about the continued reference to the "time warp," we have a special surprise for you. The telling of the *Chanukah* story will take place on stage, with "spontaneous" audience participation. The actors and actresses will be folks with whom you are very familiar. We promise you, this is an evening you will not want to miss!

Tu B'Sh'vat Seder

January 26, 2013

Have you ever been to a *Tu B'Sh'vat Seder*? It's a little known tradition that celebrates this holiday which is all about nature, its bounty of foods and our planet earth. Beth El will be holding its first ever *Tu B'Sh'vat Seder* on Saturday, January 26, 2013 immediately following Shabbat morning services. Sandy Winters will lead us in a program of learning, singing and (of course) eating. Please join us.

Live from NY's 92nd St. Y

Endowed by Robert and
Florence Chertkof

**God is One:
Moses, Jesus, Muhammad**
**Bruce Feiler, Omid Safi
and Karen King**
with Reza Aslan, moderator

Sunday, December 16, 8:15 p.m.

Take a journey with some of the most fascinating and dynamic thinkers and writers on religion today. Dr. Reza Aslan is an acclaimed scholar of religions and author of the best sellers *No God but God* and *How to Win a Cosmic War*. Bruce Feiler is the best-selling author of *Walking the Bible* and *The Council of Dads*. Omid Safi is a professor of religious studies at the University of NC at Chapel Hill. Karen King is Hollis Professor of Divinity at the Harvard Divinity School.

Sponsored by Pauline and Al Auslander

save the dates!



The Israel Affairs Committee is bringing back, by popular demand, a series of Saturday lectures after the congregational Kiddush. It will be a reprise of the successful format of our 2012 Shabbat program. In 2012 our theme was hot topics affecting Israel's security. In 2013 we'll focus on Israel's accomplishments and amazing contributions to the world featuring engaging speakers on compelling topics such as medicine, technology, and water. Stay tuned for further details.

mark your calendar! 2013 Dates

January 12, February 9, March 16, April 13

SERIES FINALE!

Sunday Evening, May 5

Ending the series with a special film presentation followed by a discussion!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Jonathan Aaron on the loss of his beloved mother, Eileen Aaron.
 Mrs. Sara Berger on the loss of her beloved husband, Dr. Leonard H. Berger.
 Dr. Marvin Jack Feldman on the loss of his mother, Edythe Riette Feldman.
 Mr. Keith Franz on the loss of his mother, Phyllis "Gigi" Franz.
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 Dr. Doug Shepard on the loss of his beloved father, Richard "Dick" Shepard.
 Mr. Dennis Sober on the loss of his beloved father, Irvin Sober.

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Asher on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer to Sephy Bouman; grandmother is Mrs. Betty Zlotowitz.
 Dr. Andrew Barnstein and Ms. Marci Gordon on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Addison; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barnstein.
 Dr. and Mrs. David Eisner on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Mollie Claire Eisner.
 Mr. and Mrs. Yuri Gleizer on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Briana Sarah Gleizer and Daniel Jason Gleizer.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kaplan on the engagement of their son Harris to Alison Cederbaum.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Kinney III on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, John Robert Kinney.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lubliner on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary Matthew Lubliner; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Abosch.
 Mr. Michael and Dr. Karen Norman on the engagement of their daughter Jessica Lynn to Luke Temple; grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Kasik.
 Mrs. Debbie Satsky and the late Alec Satsky on the marriage of their daughter, Diane to Jason Olszewski; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Werner Marx and Coleen Medway.
 Randi Zenitz, William Shapiro and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Engorn on the marriage of their children, Jennifer to Jeffrey Engorn.
 Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Steelman on the birth of their son, Felix Ethan Steelman; grandparents are Sheila and Barry Steelman.
 Dr. and Mrs. Larry Weiss on the marriage of their daughter Hilary Goldberg to Thomas Amburgey.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES:

Nicole & Jeffrey Robbins on their 10th
 Jane & Martin Rice on their 10th
 Wendy & Fred Kobb on their 10th
 Aylene & Edward Feinstein on their 15th
 Esta & Marvin Schein on their 15th
 Amy & Scott Hubert on their 30th
 Stacey & Barry Levin on their 30th
 Debra & Jonathan Waranch on their 30th
 Stephanie & Bentley Weinstein on their 30th
 Carol & Robert Keehn on their 40th
 Deborah & Frederic Kraft on their 40th
 Carolyn & Alan Roth on their 40th
 Judy & Joel Berman on their 45th
 Arlene & Robert Jacobson on their 45th
 Beverly & Ian Sunshine on their 50th
 Froma & Jules Willen on their 50th
 Suzanne & Henry Horowitz on their 55th
 Ruby & Aaron Eisenback on their 60th

IN MEMORIAM

**DR. LEONARD H. BERGER
 CLAIR M. HACK
 CAROLYN ROSENSTEIN**

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.

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAR MITZVAH
John Robert Kinney, son of Jill and Jim Kinney will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah December 8, 2012.



BAT MITZVAH
Mollie Claire Eisner, daughter of Susan and David Eisner will be called to the Torah during Havdallah services, December 8, 2012.



BAR MITZVAH
Zachary Matthew Lubliner, son Jamie and Debbie Lubliner will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah December 15, 2012.



BAT MITZVAH
Brianna Sarah Gleizer, daughter of Yuri and Rita Gleizer will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah during Havdalah services December 22, 2012.



BAR MITZVAH
Daniel Jason Gleizer, son of Yuri and Rita Gleizer will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah during Havdalah services December 22, 2012.



BAT MITZVAH
Cameron Noble Berman, daughter of Michele and Craig Berman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah January 5, 2013.

SAVE THE DATE



Bowling Party

**Saturday, February 16, 2013
 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Stoneleigh Lanes**

For information contact Yvonne@bethelbalto.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, December 1

Parsha of the Week – Vayishlach

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

Friday, December 7

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

Saturday, December 8

Parsha of the Week – Vayeshev

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

Sunday, December 9 – Hanukkah – Day 1

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

Monday, December 10 – Hanukkah – Day 2

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

Tuesday, December 11 - Hanukkah – Day 3

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

Wednesday, December 12 – Hanukkah – Day 4

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

Thursday, December 13 – Hanukkah – Day 5

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

Friday, December 14 – Hanukkah – Day 6

Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Morning Service 7:45 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:24 p.m.

Saturday, December 15 – Hanukkah – Day 7

Parsha of the Week – Miketz

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

Sunday, December 16 – Hanukkah – Day 8

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

Friday, December 21

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 4:27 p.m.

Saturday, December 22

Parsha of the Week – Vayigash

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

Tuesday, December 25

Office Closed-Federal Holiday-Christmas

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

Friday, December 28

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 4:31 p.m.

Saturday, December 29

Parsha of the Week – Veyechi

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

Tuesday, January 1

Office Closed-Federal Holiday-New Year's Day

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

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Morning

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

Evening

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

*Check website or call 410-580-2727



SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

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

BETH EL HOTLINE NUMBERS

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410-580-5080**

**Early Childhood Education Closings &
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**Religious School Closings &
Program Changes: 410-580-5082**



AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
(When classes are held in the evening,
the library is open from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m..)

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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

If you wish to donate books to the Agus Library,
please contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844.

**Because of the limited space, please do not bring books
to Beth El until you have spoken to Marlene Siegel.**

**Berman-Lipavsky
Religious School
WINTER BREAK**

**Sun. Dec. 23, 2012 -
Wed. Jan. 2, 2013**



M&M Shabbat

**Friday, December 7
Gorn Chapel,
5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

Rabbi Saroken and Cantor King will conduct the service together. Afterwards the *oneg* will be held in the Schapiro Auditorium. We will be serving *challah*, grape juice, and sweet treats.

Following M&M Shabbat is a **Got Shabbat Dinner**.
\$20/family. Register online at
<http://www.jcc.org/jewishliving/got-shabbat/>

Tot Shabbat

**Shabbat, December 1
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 kid-dush afterwards! Contact **Becky Gordon**,
sbgordoninc@verizon.net.

*Please join us in our first ever Beth El
Schools Chanukiah Design Contest!*

Families are invited to design and create a creative Chanukia that will be on display the week before Hanukkah begins. Judging for awards and prizes will take place at our Time Warp Hanukkah Celebration.

The categories you can enter include:
1. Preschool Families 2. Religious School Families
3. Adult Participation only
Awards in each category are:
1. Most Creative 2. Wild and Wacky
3. Tells the Story of Chanukah 4. Most Unusual

You can use any materials you would like to create your chanukiah. It does not have to be functional! It does have to be a chanukiah and not a menorah! There will be prizes for the winners!

Please contact **Fran Davis** if your family will be entering our contest at **410-484-4543** or email:
fran@bethelbalto.com.

The Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education is now accepting applications for our January Two's program. For information and application please contact Ilene Vogelstein, ilenev@bethelbalto.com or call 410-602-2245.



Mrs Lee Goldstein a chemistry teacher from Franklin High presented a lesson to the pre-K class along with five of her 10th grade chemistry students.



Rabbi Schwartz taught Kitah Zayin (7th grade class) the Jewish value of Bal Tashhit, Do Not Destroy. Rabbi Schwartz led the students in a discussion on ways they can conserve food, water and energy. Each member of the clergy will teach the students a different Jewish value throughout the year.



In October, our third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders had the wonderful opportunity to learn the Shabbat morning Shachrit service with Rabbi Saroken. Every other week, the students pray together in the Gorn Chapel to learn and become comfortable with the Shabbat morning service.



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Island Shabbat

January 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Pull your Hawaiian shirt out of storage and join us on Friday, January 11th at 7:30 for Beth El's annual "Island Shabbat".

The spirit of the islands will guide our prayers as we sing and sway to the music of the Catonsville High School Steel Band, followed by a spectacular tropical-themed Island Oneg.

Don't miss this fun-filled evening!

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IT IS RAELY TRUE

Lollapalooza set to rock Tel Aviv in 2013

Israel will join Chile and Brazil as the third international location for the legendary Chicago festival. Lollapalooza Israel will be the first-ever large-scale international music festival in the country. Some 50 shows of leading singers and bands from across the globe will take over Tel Aviv's Yarkon Park from August 20-22, 2013.



Colonoscopy ... with a good pill to swallow?

Imagine a scheduled colonoscopy with the patient not having to internally cleanse, the only preparation being showing up and swallowing a capsule. Embedded in the capsule is an x-ray source that will provide physicians with a total, three-dimensional view of the colon for early cancer detection. GE bought into the idea of the Israeli company, Check-Cap, in the amount of NIS 170 million and 5% of the company's shares. Clinical trials in Israel are expected to yield results by the end of 2012, with Check-Cap introducing its imaging capsule to the European equivalent of the FDA for a market launch by 2014. The producers hope that U.S. approvals will be contingent on acceptance from the Euro-regulators.

Shorter but far more productive ... another Israeli feat

The Middle East has been growing date palms for centuries. The average tree is about 18-20 feet tall and yields about 38 pounds of dates a year. Israeli date trees are yielding 400 pounds/year and are short enough to be harvested from the ground or a short ladder.

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JANUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

Sunday, January 13

In order to avoid weather problems for our January meeting, the Beth El Seniors will hold a LUNCHEON meeting on Sunday, January 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. Entertainment for the afternoon will be renowned singer Ted Zlatin. Ted will entertain us with a medley of popular songs. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. **Reservations and payments are due no later than Wednesday, January 2.** (A gentle reminder that the U.S. Postal Service will be overwhelmed that week and closed on January 1, so get your reservation in the mail early. Please note if you would like a sugar free dessert and with whom you would like to sit. We will do our best to accommodate your seating wishes. **For further information, call Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653 or Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242.**



FEBRUARY MEETING

Due to the increasing possibility of poor weather, there will be no meeting for the Beth El Seniors in February.

HANUKKAH

The Beth El Seniors Club wishes all of our members and the entire Beth El Congregation a wonderful Hanukkah. May you be blessed to celebrate this joyous occasion with your loved ones.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Beth El Seniors always welcomes new members 50 and older to join our active organization. Dues are only \$15 per year and our dinner meetings which include enjoyable entertainment each month cost \$20. Where else can you go for such a great deal? **Call Bob Kontoff at 410-486-1653 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. 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 410-665-2631**. 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.

ADULT EDUCATION CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- **Yours, Mine, and Ours** with Dr. Rosann Catalano and Beth El Rabbis – **Wednesdays** – 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Registration & fee.
- **Jewish Short Stories** with Gail Lipsitz - **Monday, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, May 6**
- **Adult Ulpan** – classes at Beth El through Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University – **December 5, 12, 19** – 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Agus Academy – **Exploring Prayer with the Rabbis** – **Mondays** – 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- **Forbidden Wisdom: Kabbalah Through the Ages**, Dr. Jonathan Ray – mini-series – **Wednesday, December 5, 12, 19** – 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Registration & fee.
- **The Real Story Behind the Maccabees!** with Rabbi Faith Cantor – **Tuesday, December 4** – 7:00 p.m.
- **Jewish Film Series**, with Jonathan Palevsky – **Thursday, December 6, January 3, February 7** – 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration & fee.
- 92nd Street Y Live – **God is One: Moses, Jesus, Mohammad** with Bruce Feiler, Omid Safi and Karen King with Reza Aslan, moderator – **Sunday, December 16** – 8:15 p.m.
- **Joshua Nelson Sings Kosher Gospel!** A special weekend for all– Friday, January 18, Saturday, January 19 with a super concert on **Saturday, January 19**. Information below.
- **Let's Experience a Tu B'Sh'vat Seder** with Sandy Winters – **Saturday, January 26** – after *Shabbat* service



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**Saturday, January 19,
Rubin Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.**

Joshua Nelson, accompanied by his 5-piece ensemble, will entertain us with his Kosher gospel, the marriage of Jewish religious lyrics and meanings with the soulful sounds of American gospel music.

COST

Advance tickets: \$18 for Beth El members; \$20 for nonmembers; \$10 for children under 16
Night of the Concert: \$25 adults; \$15 children

Dessert Reception to follow

SNEAK PREVIEW

Joshua will be singing one song during Rabbis' Services Friday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m. and Shabbat Morning Services, January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

"Mr. Nelson, who is Jewish, calls his sound kosher gospel. And although his renditions stray far from traditional Jewish music, synagogues have embraced what amounts to a spiritual mash-up, inviting Mr. Nelson to breathe new life into sacred liturgy." **NY Times**



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AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE '13

Sunday, March 3 - 5, 2013

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The AIPAC Policy Conference is the pro-Israel community's pre-eminent annual gathering. The event attracts community and student activists, and more than half of the Senate, a third of the House of Representatives and countless Israeli and American policymakers and thought leaders. If you are interested in joining Beth El members at the conference or would like more information on AIPAC, please contact **Lou Narrow** at narrow1@comcast.net, **Gail Brooks** at ggb451@verizon.net, or **Susan Talles** at susantalles@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL SNOW BIRDS!!!

We are planning our activities for Florida for early March next year. We would like to find out who will be in the sunshine state and when.

Please call or email **Sandi Block** with this information at 410-484-0411 or email sandi@bethelbalto.com. It would be greatly appreciated. This way all events can be planned accordingly.



BETH EL LEGACY SOCIETY

Contact **Ailene** at 410-580-5159 or ailene@bethelbalto.com to request a Letter of Intent. All we need to know is that you have made provision for Beth El in your Estate Planning. Not only will you be ensuring the future of our congregation, but you will be helping to ensure Judaism for generations to come.

BETH EL

Memorial Park

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

Many families choose to purchase lots well in advance of their time of need. This relieves families of an added burden during an emotionally stressful time. Individual or family plots may be purchased with convenient payment plans. Please contact Gil at 410-484-0411 or gil@bethelbalto.com for more information.

COMMUNITY ACTION SOCIETY

MOVEABLE FEAST

Volunteers Needed to Deliver Food
on Christmas Day

Moveable Feast brings hope and caring to people living with HIV/AIDS and breast cancer by planning, preparing and delivering nutritious, high quality meals and groceries to people who are unable to provide or prepare meals for themselves.

Once again Beth El is committed to help deliver food at Christmas time.

This year we will be delivering on Tuesday, December 25 starting at 9:00 a.m. Each car/van will be asked to complete 5 or 6 delivery stops.

To volunteer as a driver or passenger, or for more information, call **Amanda Freed** at 410-484-0411 or email amanda@bethelbalto.com.



DRIVERS NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of drivers, who will pick up people in need and take them to and from services. Please email **Amanda Freed** at Amanda@bethelbalto.com or call 410-484-0411 if you are interested in volunteering!



GREEN BALTIMORE

On October 21, Beth El Congregation was honored for our commitment to being a "Green Synagogue" by THE ASSOCIATED'S Sustainability Initiative. President, Steve Silverman and Environmental Committee Chair Donna Brown attended and represented Beth El at the event. The afternoon included special guest speaker, Dr. Barry Gittlen from Towson University. He presented on nature lessons from the biblical view. They also featured a presentation on synagogue accomplishments and much more!

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

— Rabbi Steven Schwartz

The guides will be distributed to all families planning a B'nai Mitzvah. The online version can be viewed at www.BmoreGreenandJust.org.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Clothing will be collected for the winter only. Please continue to bring donations. The Social Action Committee greatly appreciates it!

What Is The Social Action Committee Really All About?

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of Tikkun Olam, the Social Action Committee provides programs and activities to both educate and improve the health and well-being of our members, the environment and those in need within the community at-large.

BIKUR CHOLIM

The Jewish tradition of bikur cholim (be-core kho-leem), Hebrew for "visiting the sick," calls on us to support the needs of those who are ill or isolated. Beth El volunteers provide transportation for our members to Beth El services and programs as well as to doctor appointments. Our committee works to maintain a lifeline connection with those who are homebound or need our support through telephone calls and personal visits.

Transportation Sub-Committee –Transportation needs are coordinated by Beth El congregant **Paul Sheitel at psheit@verizon.net**.

Caring Committee Sub-Committee –The Caring Committee phone squad is chaired by Beth El congregant Hulane Zolet. For more information about our Bikur Cholim committee or to volunteer, contact **Jeanette Davis at jeajekdavis@hotmail.com**.

CLOTHING AND LINEN COLLECTIONS

We accept donated clothing, bed linens or bath towels that are in good condition. Our volunteers sort and deliver the items to such organizations as South Baltimore Station Community Crisis Center in Reisterstown (www.communitycrisiscenter.org) and House of Ruth.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS

Cell phones, eyeglasses and hearing aids are also collected at the reception desk. All donations are tax deductible: see Beth El receptionist for a receipt.

THE COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER

Beth El congregants support this important human services organization by donating nonperishable food and toiletries and by volunteering at the Center, which is located on Main Street in Reisterstown. The Center's mission is the prevention of homelessness in the Reisterstown, Owings Mills and Glyndon communities. For more information, contact Beth El member **Tammy Schnydmann at tammyschnydmann@comcast.net**.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Environmental Committee represents Beth El Congregation on the Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network (BJEN). We work to heighten awareness of conservation and "green living" for the Beth El facility, our congregants, school children and the general community. For more information or to join our Environmental Committee, contact Beth El member **Donna Brown at deebeedesigns@yahoo.com**.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Health Committee organizes seminars and workshops throughout the year on health-related issues. We also organize the blood donation days at Beth El. For more information, contact Beth El member **Jerry Goodman at jgood18@verizon.net** or **Paul Sheitel at psheit@verizon.net**.

HOPE LODGE

Beth El volunteers prepare and serve full course dinners at Hope Lodge at least six times a year, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Day at Baltimore's Hope Lodge. The Hope Lodge is a facility of the American Cancer Society and offers lodging at no cost for cancer patients from all over the world who are being treated at facilities throughout the Baltimore area. For more information, contact Beth El member **Sonya Goodman at sgood18@verizon.net**.

MOVEABLE FEAST

Moveable Feast brings hope and caring to people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-challenging conditions by preparing and delivering nutritious meals and groceries. Beth El volunteers deliver food and gifts on Christmas Day and help prepare and package food on other days throughout the year. Our volunteers provide baked goods that are donated periodically.

To volunteer to bake, contact Beth El member **Sonya Goodman at sgood18@verizon.net**.

For more information on Moveable Feast, contact Beth El member **Amanda Freed at amanda@bethelbalto.com**.

SALVATION ARMY FEED MORE TRUCK

Beth El volunteers go out on the Salvation Army truck on the 1st Monday of the month in the evening to distribute food to people in need at designated stops throughout the inner city. For more information contact Beth El member **Barbara Forman at geoffwithg@aol.com**.

WOODHOLME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

Beth El members volunteer at Woodholme Elementary by helping teachers in the classrooms, working directly with students on specific tasks, or assisting in the offices or library. Interested congregants need only attend a one-hour Volunteer Training Session at the school to qualify. For more information, contact Beth El member **Tammy Schnydmann at tammyschnydmann@comcast.net**.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- Gift bags are delivered to homebound congregants at Rosh HaShanah and Purim.
- Our knitters produce hats and scarves for various organizations throughout the year.
- Donuts and sodas are delivered on Christmas Eve to 19 Baltimore County, state police and full time and volunteer fire departments in the Northwest corridor. For more information please contact, **Amanda Freed at 410-484-0411 or amanda@bethelbalto.com**.
- Collecting gifts, clothing and food for "adopted" families for the holidays.

TOP GREEN HOLIDAY TIPS

1. Share the Love

While sending holiday cards may be the simplest and least time-consuming way to wish all your friends and family a happy season, the paper, envelopes, and postage can wallop your December budget-and your loved ones' recycling bins. The most eco-friendly way to go is an email card, but if you'd rather go traditional, try making your own (out of recycled paper, of course).

2. Presents, Nice for your loved ones, not so nice for the environment

Here's an idea: start by buying less stuff. Don't buy gifts just for the sake of buying them; if you really can't show up at dinner without a treat for Uncle Rich, make him a batch of your famous cookies or tie a ribbon around a bottle of wine.

3. Wrapping Gifts

String magazine pages or newspapers together for homemade paper, or use brown paper bags or scrap paper decorated with non-toxic paint and ink for an even more personal touch.

4. Give It Away

Trust us: there are people, animals, and organizations that need your support more than Aunt Liz needs another wooden fish to add to her collection of tchotchkes—especially when the economy dips and charitable contributions get cut from personal budgets. Convince your family to draw names so everyone gets one gift and the rest of the funds go to support the Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, or another non-profit.

<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/go-green/holidays/green-holidays-tips.html>

GO GREEN!

AUTUMN IS GONE BUT SISTERHOOD IS JUST HEATING UP

After a beautiful High Holiday season, Sisterhood visited the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York with Rabbi Saroken. Following a guided tour, our group ate lunch in the Sukkah. Our trip continued to the Neue Galerie featuring an exhibit of works by Swiss artist Ferdinand Hodler. A delicious dinner followed at Mastoris.

It is with pleasure that we welcome the following new courtesy members: **Marilyn Goldberg, Pam Geller, Robyn Horwitz, Linda Maltz, Jennifer Kopp, Jessica Katz Nelson, Simone Rosenbloom, Melissa Ulsaker and Yelena Shparoya.**

Sisterhood has so many wonderful activities and events in which to participate. Luncheon meetings with diverse programs are held on the first Monday of the month. We also have a Biblio group which meets once a month on Wednesdays. Guest speakers review the latest books and fascinating discussions always follow the review. Twice a year, Sisterhood sponsors book reviews by Rabbis, Steven Schwartz and Dana Saroken. Each review is preceded by a petite luncheon.

In addition to these popular events, we also go on many exciting day trips. In May, the annual Unique Boutique offers an assortment of vendors, crafts and food. This is a great way for us all to get together and enjoy ourselves before the end of the year.

We have so much to offer! If you know of someone who might like to share in our Sisterhood, please let us know. For more information contact **Susan Hackerman**, Past President and Member Liaison, **410-486-2523**.



BIBLIO

On Wednesday, December 12, at noon in the Kolker Room, Anita Potemkin will return as our guest presenter. Anita's reviews of timely books have been a mainstay of Sisterhood's Book Club. Anita has chosen to review Baltimore's own Anne Tyler's *The Beginners Goodbye*. We look forward to her analysis of the main character as he makes the decisions that profoundly affect his life.

Join Biblio on Wednesday, January 16, for Frida Fraiman's insightful review of *American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in the Kolker Room. Bring your own dairy lunch. Beverages and desserts are provided by our hostess Anita Potemkin.

For additional information, please phone:
Carol Cummins 410-486-1504 or Joan Flaks 410-486-6246

SISTERHOOD MEETING /LUNCHEON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, Offit Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Neurosurgeon Dr. Agha S. Khan will speak about the Ahmadi Muslim Community, their Mosque now located in the former Slade Mansion, and their uniqueness in relation to other Muslim groups.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, Offit Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

On Monday, January 7, Jay Bernstein, radio host, will discuss the history of Baltimore's only Jewish radio talk program, Shalom USA, and the issues and personalities that are making news today in the Jewish community.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, Offit Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Elaine Witman of the Shofar Coalition, a program of the Associated. The mission of the Shofar Coalition is to advocate for adults, adolescents and children who have suffered from traumatic experiences. Ms. Witman will introduce two speakers who suffered abuse as children, became "survivors" and speak on behalf of others.

Margaret Haviland Stansbury, author of Glass House of Dreams spoke at Sisterhood's general luncheon meeting in October. Her presentation featured the Baltimore Victorian Glass Palace in Druid Hill Park.

SISTERHOOD MEETING/LUNCHEON Monday, January 7 11:30 a.m. in the Offit Auditorium

Name _____
Home Phone _____ Cell _____
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SISTERHOOD MEETING/LUNCHEON Monday, February 4 11:30 a.m. in the Offit Auditorium

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Email _____

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LOOKING FOR NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

*Interested in the company of other smart, creative women?
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We are seeking women who are interested in stimulating conversations, monthly book reviews with group discussions and general luncheons. Other activities include cultural trips, a Unique Boutique and two book reviews given by our Clergy, Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Rabbi Dana Saroken. A petite lunch is served before each book review.

It is our goal to involve as many women as possible in our Sisterhood activities. We look forward to having you join us!

For more information, please call **Susan Hackerman**, Past President and Membership liaison at **410-486-2523**.



There is no meeting in December.

Mid-Winter Conference:

Thursday, January 10, 2013

(Snow date Thursday, January 17, 2013)

Location: Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

Speaker: Rafi Rone

*"Aleph, Bet, Gimmel, Jewish Alphabet Soup –
Everything You Wanted to Know About Jewish Organizations"*

TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN



The annual Torah Fund Campaign is doing great! At the present time, 31 women have contributed \$180 to become Benefactors. Each Benefactor received this year's beautiful theme pin, Awake-Greet the New Dawn. The shofar, prominent on the pin, symbolizes a call to action.

In October 52 Beth El and Sisterhood members toured the Jewish Theological Seminary. As a result of this visit, the members have a better understanding of the mission and educational programs offered at the seminary. By becoming cognizant of the ways

their contributions are used at JTS, everyone feels a closer relationship to the seminary.

Contributions of all amounts are greatly appreciated. If you haven't made your contribution, please do. You will be helping Sisterhood to reach its goal for the 2012-2013 year and JTS will benefit in many ways from your involvement.

Please remember all donors of \$18.00 or more are invited to select 6 beautiful cards that may be used for a variety of occasions. Hilda Dopkin and Jane Krosin will be glad to fill your card requests.

Contact **Jane Krosin 410-484-4218** or **Hilda Dopkin 410-486-4453** for more information and cards.

SPRING CULTURAL TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA

**Thursday, April 25, 2013
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Sisterhood is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster for members of Sisterhood and Beth El Congregation. We will visit the Ephrata Cloisters and the Amish Farm and House. Lunch will be on your own at Miller's Smorgasbord Restaurant. For more detailed information refer to the trip flyer and the Beth El website.

The registration form will be available on the Beth El website at 5:00 p.m. on December 6 and at Beth El at 9:00 a.m. on December 7. All forms must be mailed to Mrs. Marlene Siegel 2 High Stepper Court #203, Baltimore, MD 21208-6436. Only registrations with a US postmark will be accepted. The cost of the trip will be \$ 65.00.



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BOOK REVIEWS

A petite luncheon and book review will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2013** at 12:00 p.m. in the Myers Auditorium. Following lunch, Rabbi Dana Saroken will review the thought provoking book ***Sweet Like Sugar*** by Wayne Hoffman. The cost of the petite luncheon is \$10.00 per person for members and \$12.00 per person for non-members. Registration is required for lunch. Please fill out the reservation form below and return it with your check, made out to Beth El Sisterhood, to Marlene Siegel or Alice Levin c/o of Sisterhood by **Monday, January 14, 2013**.

A second petite luncheon and book review will be held on **Wednesday, March 20, 2013** at 12:00 p.m. in the Myers Auditorium. At that time, Rabbi Steven Schwartz will review the informative and inspiring book ***Start-Up Nation*** by Dan Senor and Saul Singer. Watch for the reservation coupon in the January and March issues of the *Voice*. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated for lunch.

RESERVATION FOR JANUARY 23, 2013 LUNCHEON/BOOK REVIEW

Members: \$10, Non-Members: \$12

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

No. attending: _____

(include guest's name) _____

Amount paid: _____

Check should be made out to Beth El Sisterhood. Mail to Mrs. Marlene Siegel or Mrs. Alice Levin c/o Beth El Congregation, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208



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