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Tisha B'Av

By Rabbi Dana Saroken

Every summer, in the height of the season, when homework is a distant memory for kids and many adults are happily enjoying the sunshine and the relaxed work weeks, our tradition throws us for a loop: For a three week period of time, we are instructed to observe a period of semi-mourning which culminates with the holiday of *Tisha B'Av* (which translates into the 9th day of the month of *Av*). *Tisha B'Av* is a day of communal mourning on the Jewish calendar as we remember the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem as well as the other disasters that have befallen the Jews from the expulsions of the Jews from England and Spain to more localized and contemporary disasters.

On *Tisha B'Av*, in order to remember these tragedies and the losses that they brought forth, we observe a day of communal mourning. On this day, we are instructed to fast and to abstain from activities that bring us pleasure. Specifically, we are encouraged to refrain from bathing, sexual activities, using perfume and ointments and wearing leather on this one day.

This year, *Tisha B'Av* will be observed on Saturday night, July 28 and Sunday, July 29. If you are planning to be in town and can come, the holiday is quite special. We will begin our service with the mincha prayer service from 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. we will have light fare and then at 9:00 p.m., as *Tisha B'Av* begins, we will have a brief, 10 minute *maariv*/evening service and havdalah service. Afterwards, we will light our personal candles, sit on the ground in the darkness and chant the words of *Eicha* (lamentations).

There are so many powerful aspects to this holiday: Whether it's the candlelight, chanting, the beautiful songs of the choir, the supportive community that will be together as we transition from light to darkness and back again to light.... This evening is one that you should try and not want to miss.

BIKUR CHOLIM

By Peter G. Engelman

Bikur Cholim is an important mission of Beth El. The genesis of the *Bikur Cholim* initiative started with an idea from Rabbi Loeb, z"l who suggested that the Social Action Committee act as a liaison between the synagogue and those who can no longer make it to congregational programming and services. He wanted to see the committee maintain a lifeline connection with our members through visits, phone calls and assistance with transportation needs.

Strongly advocating this program, our Rabbi Steven Schwartz feels that one of the challenges is to make a large place feel like a *shul*; to connect people and to let people know that we're here for one another. *Bikur Cholim* fosters that connection with those Beth El members, who because of various reasons, are out of contact with the Beth El community. Whether that connection has been severed by illness, incapacity or relocation, Beth El strives to maintain its relationship with its family, no matter the circumstance. Whenever and wherever possible, Beth El wants their members to know that they are not forgotten.

When Robert Slatkin, Co-chair of Beth El's Social Action program, approached me to write a human interest story about *Bikur Cholim*, the committee's outreach program, I immediately thought of Betty Helfman and Hulane Zolet and how their interaction is tied in with the *Bikur Cholim* mission.

Betty is a long time member of Beth El Congregation and a current resident of the Atrium Village Living Community in Owings



Bikur Cholim volunteer, Hulane Zolet, visits member, Betty Helfman, at the Atrium.

Mills. I first met Betty at the morning *minyán* more than 10 years ago. She was saying Kaddish after the loss of her beloved husband, Harold, z"l. I was doing the same for my beloved mother, Doris, z"l. Betty, an engaging member of the congregation and past president of the Beth El Seniors, sat in the same row with me and it

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BETH EL DAY AT THE YARD!!!

Sunday, June 24 at 1:35 p.m.

All Kids 14 & under Run the Bases (post-game)

Spend a beautiful day with other Beth El families as we cheer on the Orioles as they play against the Washington Nationals.

Tickets are \$9 each. Our seats are in the left field upper deck, rows 1-3. We have limited tickets, they will go on a first come, first serve basis.

Tickets:	\$9.00
Kosher Hot Dog:	\$4.75
Kosher Hot Pretzel:	\$3.50
Running Around the Bases:	Priceless

The Kosher Food Stand is on the 3rd base side, a short walk and a few staircases from our seats. Contact Jill Eisen for your tickets only, (food is on your own) 410-484-4543 or jill@bethelbalto.com and join her and her family at the game.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Stephen Bierer on the loss of his beloved mother, Ruth R. Bierer;
 Mr. Gerald Cohen on the loss of his beloved wife, Anita Cohen;
 Mrs. Jan Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. Jules Shaivitz on the loss of their beloved husband and son, Gary Shaivitz;
 Mr. James Crystal and Ms. Frances Crystal on the loss of their beloved mother, Beatrice Crystal-Siegel;
 Mr. Richard Eventoff on the loss of his beloved mother, Ethel Richmond Eventoff;
 Mrs. Joyce Plotkin on the loss of her beloved sister, Miriam M. Goldman;
 Mrs. Freddie Silverman on the loss of her beloved father, Stanley Kaufman;
 The family of the late Nathan Zaba.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Jerome Baum
 Marshall Davis

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. John Denick on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth Denick;
 Dr. Michael Heitt and Dr. Sandy Hawkins-Heitt on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their son, Logan Samuel Heitt;
 Ms. Shara Levine Hine and Mr. Lee Hine on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Madison Jane Hine;
 Mr. William Hoffman on the birth of his granddaughter, Indigo Star Hoffman;
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marks on the engagement of their son, Jeffrey to Rebekah Usatin;
 Mr. and Mrs. Max Rozga on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Matthew Ryan Rozga.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES - JUNE - JULY 2012

Ira & Myra Askin on their 65th
 Morris & Rhoda Katz on their 65th
 Mischa & Evelyn Schnider on their 65th
 Melvin & Judy Feldman on their 60th
 Norman & Miriam Garfield on their 60th
 Robert & Miriam Zadek on their 60th
 Samuel & Beverly Penn on their 55th
 Morton & Shirley Rodbell on their 55th
 Ronald & Frada Galler on their 50th
 Stanley & Elayne Hyatt on their 50th
 M. Ronald & Barbara Lipman on their 50th
 Elliot & Susan Weinstein on their 50th
 Ralph & Beverly Epstein on their 45th
 Barry & Marsha Friedman on their 45th
 Harry & Marcia Hochman on their 40th
 Robert & June Jacobs on their 40th
 Gary & Marsye Kaplan on their 40th
 R. Spencer & Susan Allen on their 35th
 Arthur & Robin Barr on their 35th
 Richard & Deborah Edlow on their 35th
 Jeffrey & Syndy Gaber on their 35th
 Stephen & Roseann Golaner on their 35th
 Gerald & Susan Kessler on their 35th
 Marc & Nancy Kraus on their 35th
 Marc & Faye Sherman on their 35th
 Arnold & Iris Hubert on their 30th
 Edward & Betty Leikin on their 30th
 Jeffrey & Fran Rosensweig on their 30th
 James & Lisa Abrams on their 25th
 Michael & Laurie Altman on their 25th
 Ronald & Melanie Levine on their 25th
 Scott & Lori Downing on their 20th
 Marvin & Debra Leventer on their 20th
 Jim & Linda Lowitz on their 20th
 Marc & Jill Rosenstein on their 20th
 Robert & Syndi Saltzman on their 20th
 Steven & Maya Brooks on their 15th
 Alan & Jill Cohen on their 15th
 Jeffrey & Jill Silverman on their 15th
 Eric & Anna Anapolsky on their 10th
 David & Tracey Sacks on their 5th
 James & Juli Wolf on their 5th

Werner & Rosa Marks on their 65th
 Stanley & June Sacks on their 60th
 Abraham & Merle Eiss on their 55th
 Herbert & Barbara Lewis on their 55th
 Charles & Gail Yumkas on their 55th
 Dr. Mayer & Alice Schwartz on their 50th
 Bernard & Carol Smullian on their 50th
 Ulrich & Lore Cohn on their 45th
 Thomas & Ellen Mendelsohn on their 45th
 Edward & Harriet Merwitz on their 45th
 Howard & Alice Moffet on their 45th
 Gilbert & Carol Schechter on their 45th
 Harvey & Phyllis Shankman on their 45th
 Howard & Anita Sherman on their 45th
 Richard & Ellen Hollander on their 40th
 Stephen & Marilyn Blum on their 35th
 Robert & Holly Weltchek on their 35th
 Jonathan & Cynthia Hazman on their 20th
 Bruce & Deena Sindler on their 5th

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAR MITZVAH

Logan Samuel Heitt, son of Drs. Michael Heitt and Sandy Hawkins-Heitt will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* June 9, 2012.



BAT MITZVAH

Laura Elizabeth Denick, daughter of Robin and John Denick will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* June 16, 2012.



BAR MITZVAH

Matthew Ryan Rozga, son of Max and Abby Rozga will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* June 16, 2012.



BAT MITZVAH

Madison Jane Hine, daughter of Shara Levine Hine and Lee Hine will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* June 30, 2012.

IN MEMORIAM

**NATHAN ZABA
 GARY SHAVITZ**

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.

SHABBAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Religious Services Committee is looking for volunteers to work as ushers for Shabbat and holiday services. You would only have to commit to once a month. We are also looking for people to be greeters on *Shabbat* mornings when there are *B'nai Mitzvah*.

Training will be provided. If you are interested please contact either **Lee Snyder** at **410-486-5591** or email lee.snyder@trgc.com or **Morris Saks** at **410-484-8482** or email msaks@gsg-cpa.com.

SPONSOR A SHABBAT KIDDUSH

Sponsoring a Beth El *Shabbat Kiddush* is the perfect way to celebrate a birthday, an upcoming wedding or any other *simcha*. Sponsors names are mentioned from the bimah when the rabbi does the weekly announcements. Contact **Diane Cole**, Event Coordinator, at **410-484-0411** or diane@bethelbalto.com and she will help you plan your special *Kiddush*.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:07 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Parsha of the Week – NASO

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:12 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Parsha of the Week – BEHA'ALOTECHA

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Parsha of the Week – SHELACH

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 – ROSH CHODESH –

TAMMUZ - DAY 1

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 – ROSH CHODESH –

TAMMUZ - DAY 2

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:17 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Parsha of the Week – KORACH

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:17 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Parsha of the Week – CHUKAT

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

MORNING SERVICE 9:15 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:16 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Parsha of the Week –BALAK

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 8 – FAST OF THE SEVENTEENTH OF TAMMUZ

MORNING SERVICE 9:15 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:13 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Parsha of the Week – PINCHAS

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 20 – ROSH CHODESH AV

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:09 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Parsha of the Week – MATOT – MASEI

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:03 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Parsha of the Week – DEVARIM

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 TISHA B'AV*
 Mincha 8:00 p.m.
 Maariv 9:00 p.m.

**See Tisha B'av article on page 1 for holiday details.*

SUNDAY, JULY 29

TISHA B'AV

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 – TU B'AV

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
 CANDLE LIGHTING 7:56 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Parsha of the Week – VA'ETCHANAN

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
 EVENING SERVICE 8:15 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*

BETH EL HOTLINE NUMBERS

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

wasn't long before we became good friends. The same story is true with regard to another senior member, Hulane Zolet, who is also a regular attendee of the morning *minyan*. Known by all for her kindness and generosity, including her hosting of the coffee pot at Beth El's *minyan*, Hulane befriended Betty around the same time as I did after the passing of her beloved husband, Hy Zolet, z"l. Hulane and Betty have remained friends ever since and when Betty gave up driving and could no longer attend services, Hulane drove to the Atrium week in and out to visit her faithful friend.

Hulane began seeing Betty a year or so before the initiation of the Beth El program, but today, because of its formation, she is an official member of the *Bikur Cholim* team of volunteers and visits a number of Beth El members regularly. Hulane says that she enjoys visiting her extended Beth El family and feels it to be very gratifying.

I asked Betty Helfman what she thinks of the program. She said, "I think it's wonderful and I don't know what I would do without Hulane's visits. She is my best friend."

If you know someone in need of any of these services or if you or someone you know would be interested in participating in this *mitzvah* program, please contact **Amanda Freed** at Amanda@bethelbalto.com or (410) 484-0411 or **Robert Slatkin** at Yosher@aol.com or (410) 935-5578. (Training will be available for anyone interested in visiting the homebound.)

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ARE AROUND THE CORNER!

**Erev Rosh Hashanah is Sunday,
September 16th.**

Now is the chance to purchase or change your High Holiday seats at Beth El! Whether you are a Beth El member looking to purchase or change seats this year or a non-member looking to join the Beth El family, please contact Executive Director, **Gil Kleiner**, F.S.A, at gil@bethelbalto.com by Friday, July 20th. Tickets will be mailed out in the first week of September.



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

The Shop is closed for the summer, but we are available by appointment, at your convenience.

Please call Barbara Green, 410-486-4080 or the Beth El Office, 410-484-0411 to make an appointment.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING TO JOIN A SYNAGOGUE?

Whether he/she is new to town or a native Baltimorean, and whether they are a family, a couple or single, Beth El has something to offer each and every one.

Please invite them to events they might find of interest, and please contact the Outreach Office at **410-484-0411** so we can invite them to Beth El.

BETH EL SQUARE DANCE

THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST FUN DANCES FOR WHICH I HAVE PLAYED. THE ENTHUSIASM OF EVERYONE IN THE CROWD WAS CONTAGIOUS. WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO BE ABLE TO PRODUCE THE SMILES SEEN ON EVERYONE'S FACES.

— ED VANDENBOSCHE
(SQUARE DANCE CALLER)

Photos Courtesy of Jessica Garman



IT IS RAELY TRUE

Stop anti-Jewish and anti-Israel activities on U.S. campuses!

Tel Aviv-based Israel Law Center (ILC), an Israeli legal advocacy organization, sent out letters to hundreds of US colleges warning that by federal law they must prevent anti-Jewish incitement. It also put colleges on notice of their legal obligation not to fund anti-Israel activities. The letters were in direct response to an alarming number of incidents of harassment and hate crimes against Jewish and Israeli students on U.S. college campuses.



"Officially" back to Ethiopia ...

Israel has appointed Belaynesh Zevadia its first ambassador of Ethiopian origin to Addis Ababa. She officially returns to the city of her birth, from where she emigrated to Israel as a teenager 26 years ago. With Israel making strides against prejudice toward Jews of color, her appointment was lauded by the foreign minister.

A Tel Aviv bus ride on Shabbat?

If the Tel Aviv city council gets its way, public transportation to popular recreation locations might soon be available on Shabbat, despite fervid opposition from religious factions. The current law forbidding vehicular operation on Shabbat is supported by the state transportation ministry. Supporters of the change say that 63% of the populace wants extended service. The ultimate decision rests with the municipal government.

Visiting our sister city Ashkelon and want to volunteer?

The Associated's **Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC)** is available as a resource to you in planning your trip.

For information visit

www.associated.org/volunteerashkelon.

Also visit the Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership at

www.baltimoreashkelon.org.

Or contact **Rebecca Weinstock** at Jewish

Volunteer Connection at

rweinstock@associated.org or

410-843-7566.

AGUS LIBRARY HOURS



The Agus Library is closed for the summer and will reopen after the high holidays.

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.**

JUNE 24, 2013



JULY 5, 2013

TRIP TO ISRAEL

LIFETIME EXPERIENCE



GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL WHETHER YOU HAVE BEEN TO ISRAEL BEFORE OR NOT!

Perfect Opportunity to Celebrate:

SPiritual, Cultural, Fun!
OUTSTANDING ACCOMMODATIONS!
GUIDED TOURS

- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays

Next year's trip includes Eilat and Petra (Jordan)!

Questions? Call Dr. Eyal Bor at 410-484-0411 or email eyal@bethelbalto.com.

SENIORS



JUNE DINNER MEETING:

Beth El Seniors will hold its next dinner meeting on **Sunday, June 10** at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. Entertainment for the evening will be Cantor Kim Komrad of Kehilat Shalom Congregation in Gaithersburg, MD. Cantor Kim will sing a repertoire of Broadway show music, light opera and many other familiar hits. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. Please advise with whom you would like to sit

and your choice of a diet dessert. For further information, call **Ed Berkowitz** at 410-296-8424.

JULY ANNIVERSARY AND INSTALLATION DINNER:

Beth El Seniors will celebrate their anniversary dinner on **Sunday, July 15** in the Offit Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Reservations and payment are due by Thursday, July 5, 2012. Entertainment for the evening will be our very own Dr. Eyal Bor on clarinet, Adam Stone on violin, Bruce Casteel on guitar and singer, Becky Gordon. Cost for the event is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. Our slate of new officers to be installed at this meeting will be:

Co-Presidents – Martha Glasner & Ruthye Steinberg
Vice President – Robert Kontoff
Treasurer – Peter Engelman
Financial Secretary – Betty Zlotowitz
Recording Secretary- Jerry Fineblum
Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Berkowitz

SENIOR SHABBAT:

We invite the congregation and their guests to our annual Senior Shabbat Service to be held on **Saturday, July 14** at 10:00 a.m. in the Rubin Sanctuary.

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 still 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.

HEBREW SCHOOL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

By Jill Eisen

The mission of our Hebrew Schools in Your Neighborhood is to create a Jewish community outside of the immediate Beth El vicinity that cares about Judaism and Israel. These schools make Jewish education accomodating and convenient to those families in the areas of Howard County, Federal Hill, Roland Park and now Timonium/Hunt Valley. The environment in the classroom promotes students to explore, discuss and create their own Judaic ideals. The students are taught through multi-sensory, hands-on and interactive methods that give them personalized learning experiences. Hebrew language, vocabulary and phonetic reading, is used to build confidence and self-esteem. Families are empowered to celebrate the Jewish Holidays and Shabbat and to perform social action in their neighborhoods. Families, in particular the students, through the curriculum develop pride in being Jewish. We work with interfaith families to teach them about Judaism through discussions and hands-on activities in order to help all family members be at ease and comfortable in a Jewish setting.

If you are interested or know of a family who may be interested in a Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood, please contact **Jill Eisen, 410-484-4543** or jill@bethelbalto.com. Come to an open house and register to win tickets to the Oriole's game and Run the Bases on Sunday, June 24. A complete Open House schedule can be found at www.bethelbalto.com.



Photo, left: We stopped by the fire station with treats to thank the firemen. Photo, right: Olivia is dressed up for our Purim celebration.

SILENT AUCTION 2012

By Jill Eisen

And the winner is ...

Save the Date for Saturday, December 1 – for an exciting evening of wine, cheese, dessert and Beth El Schools' first ever live auction! Clergy, faculty and staff will strut their stuff on "Fashion Runway" as they persuade you to bid on their thrilling packages. There will also be a chinese auction and a silent auction. This fundraiser will benefit the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School, The Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood, and the Infant-Toddler Department.

We are recruiting a committee of people who are energetic, creative and who like to talk to people. We need your help in pulling together silent auction items that people will want to make a bid. Contact **Jill Eisen, 410-484-44543** or jill@bethelbalto.com.

INFANT & TODDLER CARE

- ✿ Part Time Infant/Toddler care options now available with quarterly contracts
- ✿ Full Time and Part Time spots available
- ✿ Now enrolling for Two Year Old Classroom.

Contact **Dee Curtin**, Program Coordinator, for more information or to schedule a tour to see the Infant & Toddler wing at Beth El, **410-580-2723** or dee@bethelbalto.com.

T'FILAH TEAM WOWS SENIORS AT WEINBERG PARK

By Becky Gordon

Those amazing *T'filah* Teamsters did it again! Performing for an audience of Weinberg Park Assisted Living Facility residents, as well as, their own families, they presented a beautiful program of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* songs. The children sang in English and Hebrew, introducing each song and rounding out their performance with choreography, rhythm instruments and illustrative props. Their clear favorite was a classic Israeli children's song, *Hineh Rakevet*, which simply tells about a train and its turning wheels. Their mastery of Hebrew was particularly evident in a fine rendition of the song, *Ha Degel Sheli*. In the past, I've only taught this song in day school settings, due to the difficult lyrics, but the TT met the challenge beautifully.

Over the year, the Teamsters have really blossomed. Besides expanding their song and prayer repertoire, they've grown more comfortable performing for diverse audiences, speaking publicly and helping lead *Shabbat* and holiday services. They've grown more and more confident, developed new friendships and coalesced into a very cohesive group. We are so proud of them, their accomplishments and commitment.

The Religious School looks forward to a second year of *T'filah* Team, starting in September, with an expanded calendar of services and community performances. All current Teamsters have been invited to return and we're looking for several new members. Teachers are currently making recommendations of students who will be in second to fifth grade in the fall, with excellent Hebrew reading skills and derech eretz (excellent behavior and positive attitude) to round out the Team. In the next several weeks, I'm looking forward to contacting parents of the recommended students.

MITZVAH MONSTERS MAKE MUSIC!

By Becky Gordon

The Mitzvah Monsters (MM!) continue to meet on select Sunday mornings before Religious school to sing and talk about *mitzvot* and *midot*. They've enjoyed singing The *Midot* Song with a southern accent, led by puppet, Country Clem and even created their own verses for the song, Beautiful Yisrael. They decorated bags for *mishloach manot* right before Purim and were highlighted at a recent M&M's PLUS service, singing a beautiful Shabbat song.

Exciting news - two sessions of *Mitzvah Monsters* will be offered next year! Stay tuned for details!

M&M Shabbat

Friday, June 1
Gorn Chapel, 5:15 p.m.

A *Shabbat* celebration for children up to 6 years old and their families to sing, pray, dance, and celebrate *Shabbat* with our clergy.

ENROLL NOW! PRESCHOOL, MOMMY & ME, & PRE-K

• Flexible Schedule Options for Children 2 - 5

• Part-time, full-time and extended day options available

• The children enjoy our music program and physical education "Active Kids" gym classes, Hebrew language classes, Torah Stories, pre-Shabbat celebrations, arts and crafts, science, cooking, beginning reading and number skills, outside play on our playground and field, Kosher snacks, children's active games, library, field trips, and much more.

• Fall and spring MOMMY AND ME classes for 18-24 month olds and their parent, grandparent, or caregiver.

Please call the Preschool at 410-602-2245.

Preschool Update

This year the preschool parents' Early Childhood Committee organized three activities during the Passover holiday when the preschool was closed. One day they arranged for a special program at Irvine Nature Center, the second at Port Discovery, and the third day a car seat safety check at Beth El with KISS. These programs were a huge success and something the parents are looking forward to doing next year!

Community Vehicle Day was fun for everyone. Beth El's parking lot was full of vehicles children see while driving around. We had a police car, a fire truck, the Edible Arrangements van, the Harborside mobile vet, a motorcycle, a bicycle, a dump truck and many more. The children were able to climb in, on and around these vehicles. The Edible Arrangements gave us fruit and the mobile veterinary truck gave out bandages for our pets. It was a great day for all!

Our Pre-K students and parents visited Kayam Farm. They worked in the gardens, petted the goats and collected eggs from the chickens. The Kayam farmers then came to Beth El and helped us out in our garden.

REMINDERS

1. There is still time to register for a week or two at **Beth El's camp**. There are lots of nature activities and outdoor sports. Call **410-602-2245** to save a spot for your child.
2. Special 10th week of camp for families needing full day care. Special programming from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Call **410-602-2245** to register.



ADULT EDUCATION

CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING

WAITING FOR NOVEMBER 6: A LOOK AT RECENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

**2 SESSIONS WITH DR. MARK WHITMAN,
HISTORIAN, HISTORY PROFESSOR AND AUTHOR**

**Thursday, June 7 - 2000 ELECTION
Thursday, June 14 - 2008 ELECTION**

Agus Library, 7:00 p.m.

As we move closer to an important election in America for President of the United States, it would seem useful to look back at some of the critical elections of recent times, particularly the ones which have set the stage for our present situation.

On May 31, we started with the election of 1968, the contest between Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, which created much (though not all) of the Red State--Blue State division in American politics we see today. It was also an election played out against a background of violence, both abroad and at home.

The pivotal and disputed election of 2000 will be discussed on June 7. The outcome of this election would be destined to take America in one of two very different directions. We will try to see who really won that election.

Finally, on June 14, we will look at the election of 2008, self-evidently one of the most historic in our history, yet one in which the good feelings generated by that election were dissipated almost immediately.

JONATHAN PALEVSKY DISCUSSES LEONARD BERNSTEIN

Jonathan Palevsky, Program Director of WBJC, will be conducting 3 classes as a follow up to Maestro Alsop's discussion.

**Tuesday, June 12
Tuesday, June 19
Tuesday, June 26
7:00 p.m., Agus Library**

Mr. Palevsky will be discussing Leonard Bernstein: as a composer, conductor, and teacher.

Cost: \$30 for all three sessions

To register call **Ellen Marks** at **410-484-0411** or email **ellenm@bethelbalto.com**. Must register for all three classes.

Summer Tot Shabbat

**Shabbat, June 2, July 14 and 21
Kreitzer Memorial Room, 11:15 a.m.**



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- Our **website** can be found at **www.bethelbalto.com** and 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 sign up for the **bi-weekly family update**, which will keep you up to date on everything happening at Beth El, send your name and e-mail address to **Dora Smith** at **dora@bethelbalto.com**.

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KEEP IN TOUCH

ANNUAL APPEAL – LEVELS OF GIVING

Approved by the Board

Co-Chairs Annual Appeal:
Arnold Fruman
Robert Slatkin

During the last year the Development Office, directed by Ailene Sher and the Annual Appeal Committee, under the leadership of Co-Chairmen Arnold Fruman and Robert Slatkin, have spent an inordinate amount of time studying the Annual Appeal programs of synagogues in Baltimore and other geographic areas. Additionally, a similar study was undertaken of non-profit organizations beyond synagogues.

The purpose of the study was to ascertain the financial success of the respective Annual Appeal programs in which synagogues and/or non-profit organizations in their annual report identified contributors by levels of giving.

Of the ten major Conservative synagogues comparable to Beth El that were examined, Beth El was the only one not reporting Annual Appeal gifts by levels of giving. Similarly, a study of universities/colleges, cultural, social and medical organizations and Jewish federations have adopted the same gift recognition procedure.

By all indications it was clear that reporting contributions by levels of giving dramatically increased the financial success of the Annual Appeal programs and encouraged contributors to increase their gifts.

These findings were reported to the Beth El Board of Trustees at the March 2012 Board meeting. After much discussion, the Board approved the inclusion of Levels of Giving in the yearly Annual Report issued by the Annual Appeal Program and the Development Office. The Board in its endorsement recognized that the financial success of the Annual Appeal Program provides significant budgetary relief; helps to ensure the financial viability of the synagogue and helps to sustain the many diverse programs that make Beth El such a meaningful synagogue in the lives of its members.

As preparations are made to launch the 2012-2013 Annual Appeal Campaign in August 2012, the Development Office will issue more specific guidelines for the management and reporting of the Annual Appeal contributions.

TOP 10 SUMMER TIPS FOR GOING GREEN!

GO GREEN!

1. Steppin' light

Find local activities with low environmental impacts like a trip to the local park, woods, zoo, ballgame, or beach with friends to relax.

2. Cool and easy

Air conditioning can offer much-needed respite from the heat and can make sweaty nights bearable, but be sensitive to overuse. Turning up the thermostat a few degrees on your AC is a great way to save tons of cash while making the planet a cooler place at the same time.

3. Up in your grill

Love to BBQ? Propane burns much cleaner than either wood or charcoal briquettes. If you can't resist charcoal, try a natural product like those produced by Cowboy Charcoal--much cleaner than your traditional briquettes.

4. The local roundup

Buy food locally. Farmers markets are great places to shop, and ensure that the veggies you're eating hot off the grill or mixed in a salad haven't traveled thousands of miles just to reach your plate. That cuts down on the use of fossil fuels, which leads to significantly reduced levels of pollution and resource depletion over your typical tomato bought at the local supermarket.

5. The green plate special

Use reusable dishes rather than plastics or Styrofoam. If you absolutely must use disposables, make sure to pick up compostable varieties beforehand to put in the compost bin when you're through.

6. Greenie bikini

Look for eco-friendly products like clothing, swimsuits, sandals, towels, and skin care. Each of them is a step in the right direction, and you might just fall in love with a product or style you never knew existed.

7. Charge!

Pick up a solar backpack or device like the Freeloader or the Solio to take with you on day trips. That way, whether you're at the beach or on the go, you'll be able to run and recharge a wide range of portable devices on solar energy. Save a buck by cutting out the electric company and giving your rechargeables the solar power they deserve.

8. No poison, please

Use products like garlic barrier to ward off mosquitoes. Traditional products certainly do the job, but they can end up turning your backyard into a deathtrap for every other kind of living thing that drops by for a visit. That means birds, butterflies, ladybugs, and even the family dog gets an unhealthy dose. Be sure to apply it when you think it won't rain for several days, and the garlic alternative should treat you right. Planting rosemary is a natural and low-tech way to block skeeters. Then there are always the big guns like the Mosquito Magnet.

9. Wet and wise

Water usage levels are a big deal throughout much of the U.S. and the summer drought season can really make things tough. Be certain to watch what you use, water plants only when necessary, and take a few minutes to install a low-flow showerhead.

10. The greener road

Have to travel long distances to arrive at your dream destination this summer? Consider making it by road or rail rather than by plane, but be sure to offset your carbon emissions no matter what mode of transportation you choose.

<http://www.treehugger.com/htgg/how-to-go-green-summer.html#top10>

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FALL 2012 CULTURAL TRIPS

Save the dates and mark your calendar.



BALTIMORE, MD

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012
(9:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**

Come celebrate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 at Fort McHenry. Our morning begins at the Visitor Center. There we will see the special exhibits and view the movie commemorating this special occasion. We will then have a docent led tour of the renovated star shaped fort.

Leaving Fort McHenry, we will travel to Little Italy where we will have lunch. After lunch, our group will take a short walk to the Flag House where the flag, that flew over Fort McHenry during the war, was made by Mary Pickersgill and her helpers. We will have a docent led tour of the house and an opportunity to visit the adjoining museum.

Members \$60; Non-Members \$65



NEW YORK CITY

**Thursday, October 4, 2012
(6:30 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.)**

Our group will be accompanied by one of our rabbis on this very special trip. In the morning, we will visit the Jewish Theological Seminary, where Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Saroken studied. Following our tour, we will have lunch in the JTS Sukkah. This a real treat and one that is very much in demand.

After the seminary, our group will travel a short distance to the outstanding Neue Gallerie on Museum Row. The museum opened on November 16, 2001 and show-cases Austrian and German fine art and decorative art from the early 20th century. Works by Klimt, Kokoschka, Schiele, Wassely, Kandinsky and Kichner are a few of the artists found in the museum's collection. On the way home we will stop at Mastoris for dinner on your own.

Members \$100; Non-Members \$105

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The New Barnes and the newly renovated Rodin Museum and Gardens

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HONORS AND MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Sylvan Offit, January 23, 2012, In Loving Memory by The Offit Cousins. – A piece of Artwork.

IN HONOR OF:

The 95th birthday of Morris H. Mishner, April 21, 2012 by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, - A Leaf on the Tree of Life.

The 60th birthday of Jeffrey Dansicker, May 14, 2012, with much love by his wife Janice and daughter Jamie. – A Leaf on the Tree of Life.

SISTERHOOD

WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

We are so pleased to welcome our new Sisterhood members- **Anita Fishbein, Barbara Wolf, Sherry Abramson and Pat Shapiro.**

What a vital group we are. Our activities this past year have included General Luncheon Meetings with terrific programs. The Biblio group has enjoyed having guest speakers and our own Sisterhood members to review selected books. Our Book Reviews with Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Saroken were sellouts. The Cultural Trips have been extremely popular and everyone looked forward to our own Unique Boutique. Kuddos to Sonia Obstler and her fantastic group of volunteers. We are also so proud of our Judaica Shop! Our manager Barbara Green always has distinctive gifts to purchase for holidays and special occasions. Thank you to her staff of volunteers as well!

Beth El is a busy synagogue with something for everyone. We hope you will consider joining the Sisterhood and becoming a part of this wonderful group of women.

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

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2012 - 2013

You will be receiving your billing for the next Sisterhood year in July (It will arrive before you know it). Please be prompt in your payment as we want everyone to be eligible for our Paid Up Brunch on Sunday, September 9. An exciting program is being planned. Don't miss it!

BIBLIO

Biblio's closing meeting will be a catered luncheon, chaired by Carol Cummins and Frida Fraiman on **Wednesday, June 13** at noon in the Kolker Room. The cost is \$22. **Please make your reservation by Sunday, June 6.**

Our very special guest reviewer, returning by popular demand will be Fern Walpert will critique *The Arrogant Years* by Lucette Lagnado. If you have ever wondered what happened to the wife of *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit*, Fern will reveal her story. As are all Biblio's meetings, this one is open to the public.

For additional information, please contact **Joan Flaks, 410-486-6246** or **Barbara Berkowitz, 410-296-8424**.



UNIQUE BOUTIQUE - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHOW

Now that Unique Boutique is over we would like to thank the many people who helped to make it such a huge success. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Amanda Freed- Communication and publicity
Al Shapiro - Creative ideas
Gil Kleiner- Continued support
Janet Penn and Flos Shapiro - Volunteers
Rae Shalowitz and Phyllis Cutler - Food
June Sacks - School Liason
Yvonne Daniel, Frida Fraiman, Anita Sherman - Raffle
Jory Schunick - Signage
Kitchen staff - Help with food
Michael Ray and Maintenance Staff
Sisterhood Volunteers
Bette Dahne and Finance Committee
All our vendors
Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken, Cantor King, Dr. Eyal Bor and School Staff, Brenda Mandel, Judy Frankle, Barbara Mendelsohn
Hulane Zolet - flowers
Janet Penn and Judy Pachino - Supportive leadership
Diane Cole - Guidance with food needs
Rachel Dabbah, Lisa Sparks, Jane Rice - Help with social media
Steven Obstler - Behind the scenes computer support, signage, labels etc.
Beth El personnel at the reception desk and upstairs who have helped with Sisterhood needs
Karen Chasen - For all of her help
Jon Kreiger and other security personnel

Anyone who was left off this list we apologize, but we thank you just the same!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Sonia Obstler and Helen Bronstein,
Unique Boutique Co-Chairmen



Beth El Sisterhood outside the Magic Gardens in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Unique Boutique had a great turnout! Members, volunteers, vendors, and the community at large gathered to create this lovely event!



Sisterhood volunteers in bloom: Judy Frankle, Hulane Zolet, Brenda Mandel, Barbara Mendelsohn



Sisterhood women have all the answers!: Flos Shapiro, Beverly Penn, Sheila Rosenfeld



Anita Sherman and Yvonne Daniel: Taking a chance on raffles was a winner.



Something for everyone at 2012 Unique Boutique!



Bonnie Kravitz Lazurus and Judy Rosenberg: A good buy!

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On Wednesday, May 2, the Beth El family and the community at large enjoyed a wonderful evening with Marin Alsop, Music Director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Speaking to an audience of over 350 people, Maestra Alsop discussed her career, some personal stories, and her association with her mentor, Leonard Bernstein. Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Adult Education, welcomed everyone and Rabbi Schwartz began this lovely evening which was the inaugural event of The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Life Long Learning at Beth El Congregation. The program was moderated by Jonathan Palevsky, Program Director of WBJC who will facilitate a series of 3 classes discussing the composing, conducting, and teachings of Leonard Bernstein on June 12, 19, and 26 open to the public with registration of \$30 for all 3 classes. Call 410-580-5166 or email ellenm@bethelbalto.com to register.



Beth El Synagogue Blood Drive

**Wednesday,
 June 27
 8:15 a.m. –
 7:00 p.m.
 Offit Auditorium**

Please call **Jerry and Sonya Goodman** at **410-602-8766** or email **sgood18@verizon.net** to schedule your life-saving donation.

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Please recycle

SUMMER 2012 ONEGS

Please join us for our summer *onegs*! Friday evening after services, we will have a lovely *oneg* outside under the evening sky. Come join us for chilled wines, an array of delicious appetizers, and most importantly time to foster relationships within the Beth El community.

**June 22
 July 27
 August 24**