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RABBI REFLECTION

Talking with someone who no longer walks in this world

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

I've been asked many times over the years by people, generally with a sense of embarrassment, if I think it is strange that they continue to talk with someone who is dead. They often describe what they mean to me – it might be a regular trip to the cemetery, or perhaps when they come to shul and touch a person's memorial plaque, or sometimes each evening before they go to bed. Some people tell me they spend at least part of every day talking with someone who no longer walks in this world.

What they talk about is generally simple – sometimes they might tell the person they've lost that they miss them. Other times, commonly, they give the person updates on the family, on friends, on important events, this grandchild has graduated, whatever it might be. They share hopes, and dreams, they express their worries and their fears.

I always ask the person who reports this experience to me if it is comforting to them, and almost without exception they tell me that it is. It is an assurance to them that the person they've lost is still a part of their lives, still present in a way, still connected to them and to their family. Those conversations with the dead can help people get through a day, or a difficult moment of their lives. They can help them get ready for a big moment, a wedding or a graduation or a bar or bat mitzvah, when they particularly wish the person they've lost could be there with them.

I mentioned a moment ago that when people tell me about these conversations they often seem embarrassed, as if there might be something wrong with what they

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WHY WE ARE HERE

By Jerry Schnydman

Over 1000 people enjoyed a spectacular event honoring our clergy and celebrating the wonderful congregation that is Beth El. Speaking of our fabulous clergy, I am pleased to announce that Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken and Cantor King have recently signed multi-year contracts.

Our enrollment numbers are strong for the Religious School and Early Childhood Programs. Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education, and his talented staff have developed 6 neighborhood schools in Baltimore City and in surrounding counties. Hebrew language and T'filah are back as important parts of the curriculum for all ages and at all locations, and the students participate in their own Minyanim on Sundays.

Children who have alternative learning styles are increasingly finding that their needs are well-met here at Beth El. Rabbi Faith Cantor has established innovative programs for many children who in the past would struggle in their Hebrew studies and in their B'nai Mitzvah preparations, but who are now able to participate in this major life cycle event successfully.

Many of you have attended the wonderful adult education programs offered under the auspices of the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning. This year over 60 classes and activities are offered, and, as those of you who have participated can surely attest, they are consistently of the highest interest and quality.

At the June meeting of our Congregation's Board of Trustees, there was a discussion of the following question: What is our synagogue here for? Thoughtful and wise responses followed, and I would like to share some of these with you now:

- Beth El is here to provide community and friendship in good times and bad.
- It helps us perpetuate Judaism by celebrating Shabbat and the holidays, major and minor.
- It is our place to come for learning and praying and for all life cycle events.
- It provides an outstanding team of clergy who help and support us in our moments of greatest joy and in our hours of greatest need.
- It continues the tradition of Jewish teaching and learning across all generations.

All of these ideas just described, as well as the activities previously mentioned, combine to define our beloved Beth El: a place that meets a great variety of our communal needs, and is available to us 365 days per year.

As we talk about the importance of this yearly fundraising project, I am aware that many of you may be unsure of the distinction between the recently-announced Generations Campaign for Capital and Endowment and the Annual Appeal.

I attempted to delineate the differences between these two campaigns by comparing the Generations Campaign to the long-term investment needed to buy or renovate our home; while our Annual Appeal is more like the funds we need to function every day and to run our households on a balanced budget. The Annual Appeal also allows us to pay for unexpected emergencies, such as when families wish to enroll their children in religious school but cannot manage to do so financially; or when congregants need assistance when illness or tragedy strikes.

I cannot stress enough the importance of your participation in our Annual Appeal. Please reach into your hearts that have been lifted by today's beautiful prayers, and make a commitment to pull down the tab at the highest

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Sisterhood takes a garden tour at the Winterthur Museum. See page 5 for more on upcoming Sisterhood Trips.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Sigmund Aiken on the loss of his beloved sister, Helen B. Aiken.
 Mr. Jack Coonin on the loss of his beloved mother, Jean O. Coonin.
 Mr. Harold Hackerman on the loss of his beloved mother, Catherine Hackerman.
 Mr. Stuart Haman on the loss of his beloved sister, Anita H. Keelan.
 Mrs. Betty Jontiff on the loss of her beloved mother, Shirley Sussman Falk.
 Mrs. Sandra Lebowitz on the loss of her beloved husband, Donald Lebowitz.
 Mr. Paul Levin on the loss of his beloved sister, Esther Ruth Deming.
 The Family of Harold Michelson.
 Ms. Robin Cushner and Ms. Ethel Goldfein on the loss of their beloved father and partner, Donald Earl Serkin.
 Mrs. Barbara Sussman and Mrs. Selma Shaivitz on the loss of their beloved husband and brother, Seymour Sussman.
 Mrs. Florence Thaler on the loss of her beloved mother, Mildred F. Schmier.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:


Homer Berlin Hal Hackerman
 Betty Helfman Paul Moskovitz

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Altman on the engagement of their daughter, Lauren, to Dave Sommer.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Amano on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Kiyoshi Evan Amano.
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Berman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Devin Jack Berman.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Caplan on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Blake Holden Caplan.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Douglas on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, Molly Lauren Douglas; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shuman.
 Mr. and Mrs. Evan Drachman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eli Dylan Drachman; grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Drachman.
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellison on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Raymond Jenner Ellison, grandmother is Sondra Ellison.
 Dr. and Mrs. Ira Garonzik on the B'not Mitzvah of their daughters, Brooke Lauren Garonzik and Sophie Gayle Garonzik.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Ronald Rubin on the engagement of their son, Dr. Andrew Rubin to Lisa Sharp.
 Mr. and Mrs. David Ruther on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max Jacob Ruther.

NOVEMBER 2014 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Elina and Jonathan Baron on their 5th
 Leia and Michael Zeitlin on their 5th
 Andrea and Matthew Friedman on their 10th
 Elyse and Louis Gordon on their 10th
 Lisa and Matthew Levy on their 10th
 Carley and Eric Orsini on their 15th
 Rebecca and Michael Snyder on their 15th
 Risa and Theodore Offit on their 20th
 Barbara and Lawrence Zerolnick on their 25th
 Lisa and Morry Zolet on their 25th
 Sondra and Norman Benney on their 30th
 Amie and Alan Smith on their 30th
 Judith and Howard Snyder on their 30th
 Barbara and Benjamin Green on their 40th
 Natalie and John Spector on their 50th
 Nancy and Morris Offit on their 55th
 Eunice and Sidney Friedman on their 60th



IN MEMORIAM

**DONALD LEBOWITZ
 HAROLD MICHELSON
 DONALD EARL SERKIN
 SEYMOUR SUSSMAN**

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

Blake Holden Caplan, son of Stacy and Lee Caplan, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 8, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH

Molly Lauren Douglas, daughter of Erika and Howard Douglas, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 8, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH

Brooke Lauren Garonzik, daughter of Dr. Ira and Daina Garonzik, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 15, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH

Sophie Gayle Garonzik, daughter of Dr. Ira and Daina Garonzik, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 15, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH

Eli Dylan Drachman, son of Joan and Evan Drachman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 22, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH

Raymond Jenner Ellison, son of Lauren and Louis Ellison, will be called to the Torah during Havdallah services on November 22, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH

Max Jacob Ruther, son of David and Lisa Ruther, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 29, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH

Devin Jack Berman, son of Michele and Craig Berman, will be called to the Torah during Havdallah services on November 29, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH

Kiyoshi Evan Amano, son of Hiroshi and Lesley Amano, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 6, 2014.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, November 1

Parsha of the Week – Lech Lecha

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:45 p.m.

Friday, November 7

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:39 p.m.

Saturday, November 8

Parsha of the Week – Vayera

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

Friday, November 14

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:33 p.m.

Saturday, November 15

Parsha of the Week – Chaye Sarah

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

Friday, November 21

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:28 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

Parsha of the Week – Toldot

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

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day*

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.
Evening Service 5:30 p.m.
*The offices will be closed.

Friday, November 28

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 4:25 p.m.

Saturday, November 29

Parsha of the Week – Vayetze

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

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are about to share with me, as if it is a secret that they don't want others to know about, I suppose because they are worried people will think it strange. But I tell them that my sense is that nearly everyone has these conversations, in one form or another. Some people literally speak out loud when they stand by a grave, and laugh and cry, as if the person is right there, in the very same physical space. Others have the conversations in their minds, quietly, and for others the conversation does not happen through words, but rather through a feeling, a sudden sentiment or thought that floods into their being. But for almost everyone who has lost a person that they have shared life with, walked with, lived with, loved, for almost everyone, the conversation continues.

And often, the conversation continues here, in the cemetery. In the course of a given year I will walk into a cemetery well over a hundred times. For the burial service of a funeral I am conducting, or to officiate at an unveiling. And virtually every time I enter a cemetery there is someone else there. They sit by a grave, they bring flowers, they gently place stones on the markers of people they love. Some spend only a few minutes, while others bring chairs and will spend an hour or even part of a day. The cemetery is a place where worlds touch, where our world of flesh and blood and trees and grass and wind and sky can somehow touch the world to come, a place of memory and spirit and rest and peace. And when the worlds touch our hopes and dreams, our worries and fears, our thoughts – and yes, even our words – can somehow find a way to the other side.

And if the cemetery is a place where the worlds touch, the Yom Tov season is a time when they touch. When memory is sharper, more distinct. When the sense of loss is stronger, knowing that another year has gone by. When the determination to live our lives in such a way that we honor the memories of those we remember today is most in our minds – let the words of our tradition guide us as we remember, and let us begin again the conversations that never end.

HANUKKAH CONGREGATION-WIDE EVENT

Tuesday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Latkes, Dreidels and Music!
Bring your own chanukiah and candles
so we can light them together
as a congregation for the first night of Hanukkah!

IN REFLECTION

"A Celebration of Generations" for me was a reflection of sixty years. For sixty years I am honored to have been a member of the Beth El Clergy Family. The event on September 14 said it all. The slide montage from our archives showed how we have preserved the past with Rabbis Jacob Agus, Mark Loeb and Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman. The video in the sanctuary honored the clergy of today, Rabbis Steven Schwartz, Dana Saroken and Cantor Thom King. With an overwhelming and enthusiastic audience, the crowd demonstrated an intense passion to provide for the future.

History repeats itself with outstanding clergy, dedicated leadership, and a loyal and caring membership. We at Beth El can make it happen. Together, we will meet our goal, possibly surpass it, to insure that our superb legacy will continue "L'dor V'dor" from generation to generation.

"Mazel Tov" to Ailene Fradin and Dale Kahn for a job well done.

With pride and gratefulness,
I remain,
Aileen G. Hammerman

Our Healing Service

Each month, Rabbi Saroken will be leading a healing service for people who are looking for a safe and supportive place and group of people with whom to pray, sing out to God, and reflect on life. Using Jewish wisdom, conversation and compassion, participants will find themselves strengthened through the encounter.

Shabbat, November 15
Kreitzer Memorial Room
9 a.m. – 10 a.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 &
Legal Holidays 5:30 p.m.

*Check website or call 410-580-2727

SOCIAL ACTION

On **October 27, 2014**, the Social Action Committee sponsored a story review lead by Gail Liptsitz at North Oaks for the residents who are Beth El members.

We will, once again, be participating in the family gift-giving project through Sinai's Life Bridge Women and Children's Coalition over the December holiday season. If you are interested in participating, please contact **Ellen Budish** at either **ebudish@verizon.net** or **443/857-7499**.

We will be looking for volunteer drivers for **December 25, 2014, for Moveable Feast** where we deliver food to homebound individuals with either HIV and/or HIV related illnesses. If you are interested, please contact **Jeanette Davis** at either **jeajekdavis@hotmail.com** and/or **443/799-2559**.

Are you a Beth El senior looking for transportation to and from services?



We are hoping to soon provide assistance with transportation to and from Shabbat morning services to any Beth El senior who may qualify for this service.

Please contact Jeanette Davis at 410-484-2950 or jeajekdavis@hotmail.com for further information.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Beth El women have the opportunity to participate in various dynamic and interesting events. Membership in Sisterhood offers many rewards; i.e., new friends, educational and cultural experiences and opportunities to provide support to Beth El and the Beth El schools. We offer stimulating monthly luncheons, book reviews and programs with speakers, educators, and entertainers. Contact **Susan Hackerman**, 410-486-2523, shacker1@hotmail.com for information.

The following women have become new Sisterhood members for 2014-2015: **Sherry Berlin, Claire Cohen, Wendy Eisenberg, Susan Ezrine, Kay Green, Christina (C.J.) Johnston, Nancy Kaye, Gloria Levin, Marian Mehler, Linda Miller, Eileen Peremel, Betty Reichenberg, Phyllis Rubin, Bea Shapiro.** Courtesy members: **Laren Altberger, Heidi Deitchman, Roberta Eisner, Emily Engleman, Rebecca Freedman, Ilana Goldmeier, Melinda McGlothlin, Rita Piel, Daron Turk.**

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON MEETING

**Monday, December 1, 11:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker – Pam Jenhoff**



Pam Jenhoff, internationally bestselling author, will discuss her latest novel *“The Winter Guest”* and how her work with the State Department on Holocaust issues inspired her to become a writer. Presently an attorney in private practice, Pam Jenhoff served as vice-consul for the U.S. State Department in Krakow, Poland and as the special assistant to the secretary of the army at the Pentagon. She is an expert on Poland and the Holocaust and has published several scholarly articles. Jenhoff has been honored by a number of organizations for her work in this field.

BIBLIO



Biblio invites all members to meet on **Wednesday, November 12**, at noon in the Kolker Room when Jane Henniger reviews *“Walls”* by Hiltgunt Zassenhaus. Jane is a long term instructor of a popular literature course at the Renaissance Institute of the Notre Dame University of Maryland. Her selection is compelling, courageous and inspirational because it relates how Dr. Zassenhaus, a Nobel Prize nominee, worked undercover to aid prisoners of Nazi Germany. Please bring a dairy lunch. Marilyn Holzman, our hostess, will provide dessert. Beth El supplies coffee and tea. We look forward to all participants having the opportunity to take part in the discussion that follows Jane's review. If you have any questions phone Carol Cummins, 410-486-1504, or Joan Flaks, 410-485-6246.

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON MEETING,
COUPON FOR DECEMBER 1 LUNCHEON**

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RESERVATION MUST BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 11, 2014

JUDAICA BOUTIQUE

A trip to the Cardo in Jerusalem, Fifth Avenue in New York, or Worth Avenue in Palm Beach isn't necessary when we have the Judaica Boutique at Beth El Congregation. The selection of personal and gift items will amaze you, and there's something for every budget. Beautifully displayed, you will find attractive and eye-catching Judaica that would be a treat for yourself or a special present for a hostess. If you love to shop, look no further than the Beth El Judaica Boutique. Let us welcome you to the Beth El Judaica Boutique and help you find the perfect purchase for every occasion.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Dinner Meeting – **November 6, 2014**, at 6:00 p.m. at North Oaks Retirement Community
Speaker – Rafi Rone, Director of Jewish and Israel Initiatives Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds.
Topic: “American Jewish Support for Israel: Changing??? Dangerous???”
Contact **Honey Litman**, 410-486-8116, or **Judy Rosenberg**, 410-486-8359, for information.

EXCITING SISTERHOOD ARCHIVES PROJECT

We are continuing our Archives Project and would like to encourage you to share your talents and writing abilities in this endeavor. We welcome new members of Sisterhood as well as long-term members to join us in this very important project.

For more information, please call or email:
Rae Shalowitz email: rashally@aol.com phone: 410-484-7437
Ilene Merenbloom email: ilene@merenbloom.com phone: 410-486-6822

TORAH FUND



The Torah Fund Campaign is off to a great start. We now have 42 Benefactors who donated \$180.00. They have received their beautiful pins proclaiming this year's theme “Mishpacha, Family and the Tree of Life. The Jewish family –in all its forms – is the solid system of roots that supports our tree of life. The lovely pin depicts a tree with the word Mishpacha written in Hebrew beneath the tree.

Our support of The Jewish Theological Seminary helps educate future clergy and educators. Our rabbis were educated at JTS.

Also available are a variety of all occasion cards. With a donation of \$18.00 you can receive 6 assorted cards or they may be individually purchased for \$4.00. Our members may donate to the fund at various levels and all contributions are greatly appreciated. What a great gift for Hanukkah. For more information or cards, please contact **Jane Krosin at 410-484-4218** or **Hilda Dopkin at 410-486-4453**.

LIBRARY LOVERS

The Agus Library is a wonderful facility. Your help is needed to make it more readily available to Beth El's members. To volunteer, please call **Barbara Berkowitz 410-296-8424** or **barbberk@verizon.net**.

AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Linda Miller, Nancy Kaye, and Susan Ezrine at the Sisterhood New Member Orientation.

SISTERHOOD SPONSORED TRIPS

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Thursday, December 4 Baltimore Museum of Art

**JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING VISIT
 TO THE NEW AMERICAN WING**



In November, the BMA will celebrate its 100th Anniversary by reopening the historic Merrick Entrance and the renovated Dorothy McIlvain Scott American Wing. We will visit the BMA's outstanding collection of American paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts--considered one of the finest on the East Coast. Lunch will be at Gertrude's on your own. Following the BMA, we will go to the Cordetti Glass Blowing Studio and Gallery where we will have a glass blowing demonstration. We will then have time to visit the Gallery. Cost \$60. Download your form from the

Beth El website bethelbalto.com or get it at the Beth El Congregation reception desk.

WORLD PREMIER

“DINER”

**Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA
 Sunday, December 14, 2014**



Nine-time Grammy Award Winner Sheryl Crow and Academy Award-winning original screenwriter Barry Levinson make a stunning debut with the world premiere musical adaptation of the landmark movie “Diner.”

Christmas, Baltimore: 1959. A circle of childhood friends reunite for the upcoming wedding of one of them. Well, only if his fiancée passes a football trivia test. From the comfort of their all-night diner, the men, now in their early-twenties, confront the realities of adulthood: marriage, careers, money and the ever-mysterious opposite sex. But no matter where life takes them, they know they're welcome back at the diner, the one place they'll always belong.

Infused with swinging 1950's rock and roll sound, three-time Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Kathleen Marshall joins Crow and Levinson to transform Diner's groundbreaking evocation of burgeoning adulthood and friendship for the stage. Join Beth El Sisterhood on a nostalgic trip back to 1959.

Cost: \$100. Download your form from the Beth El website bethelbalto.com or get it at the Beth El Congregation reception desk.

SAVE THE DATES: SPRING TRIPS

**Nemacolin, Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob
 Overnight Trip April 21-22, 2015.**
 Registration will open December 1, 2014.

**9/11 Memorial Museum – New York, NY
 May 19, 2015**

TRIP TO FALLINGWATER, KENTUCK KNOB AND NEMACOLIN

Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday April 22, 2015

Join us as we travel to western Pennsylvania for two wonderful days of culture and diversion. First we will travel to Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, a National Historic Landmark. After the tour, you will enjoy lunch on your own.



Please note that Fallingwater requires a quarter-mile walk on uneven gravel from the Visitor Center to the house and at least 100 steps but not all at one time. There is a shuttle from the Visitor Center to Fallingwater for people who have difficulty walking.

Following our visit here, we will visit Kentuck Knob, another Wright gem. These two homes designed

by Mr. Wright exemplify his creativity and diversity.

After visiting the houses, our group will proceed to Nemacolin Woodland Resort, a five star hotel and spa. You can look forward to the opportunity to pamper yourself or just enjoy the beautiful scenery and amenities.

Since all meals are on your own, you have the freedom to select fine dining in one of the five restaurants or casual dining in one of the six informal restaurants. If you feel lucky, you may wish to visit the casino or take the docent-led tour of Nemacolin's art collection.

Those who choose to take advantage of the spa are responsible for calling ahead to arrange their personal reservations, and each individual is responsible for his/her spa services.

COST: \$270 PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY); \$373 (SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

Registration forms may be obtained on Beth El's web-site bethelbalto.com or at Beth El's reception desk. **Registration forms must be mailed to Marlene Siegel at the address located on the bottom of the form. Only two registration forms are allowed in one envelope.**

For further information or answers to questions call **Judy Pachino at 410-486-6620 or judipach@comcast.net** or **Marlene Siegel 410-484-1844 or mbmjsiegel@comcast.net.**

WINTERTHUR MUSEUM TRIP



Karen Lent, Bluma Jed, Judy Pachino, and Janet Penn at High Tea.



Marta Braverman, Bobbie Selnick, Ellen Samet, Marsha Sindler, Barbara Levenson, Phyllis Cutler, and Honey Litman outside of the Winterthur.



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EMPTY NEST?
Did you know that Beth El has formed a new social group called THE EMPTY NESTERS GROUP?

All individuals or couples whose children are grown are welcome to join. We had a very successful first year and hosted the following events:

1. Shabbat services at Beth El followed by dinner at Liberatore's restaurant.
2. Havdallah service at Beth El and dinner at a member's house.
3. Wine/beer tasting event with pot luck dinner and Havdallah celebration.

We are always looking for new members. If you have questions or would like your name added to our list, contact **Fraeda Lewis** at fraedalewis@verizon.com or **Joan Cohen** at joancohen@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars - we have two events coming up in November!

November 1, 2014 6 - 8 p.m.
An evening at The Painted Palette
 \$35 per person
 BYOB and snacks

In a relaxed, social, group setting, an artist will guide you through replicating the night's featured painting step by step. Whether you are an aspiring Van Gogh or just looking to explore your creative side, you are sure to go home with a painting that is uniquely yours. By the end of the evening you will be amazed at the artwork you have created!

Very limited space! This is only available to The Empty Nesters Club. Only 30 spots available. Your check will be your reservation.
 Make checks payable to: The Painted Palette
 Send to: Emily Goren, 13 Jenner Court, Owings Mills, MD 21117
 Questions: emmawoman@verizon.net

November 14, 2014 — Shabbat Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat service
 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program
 Come and sit with fellow Empty Nesters
 More details will be coming. Questions: fraedalewis@verizon.net

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Is Peace a Possibility?
A special insider's briefing on Israel and the changing dynamics in the Middle East

FEATURING

Asaf Romirowsky
 Adjunct Scholar at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and the Middle East Forum

Thursday, November 20, 2014
 Program - 7:00 p.m.
 Hosted by
Beth El Congregation
 8101 Park Heights Avenue
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To RSVP and for more information, contact Jane and Bob Zweig at zweig@hotmail.com or 301-467-7899.
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About Asaf Romirowsky
 Middle East analyst Asaf Romirowsky is an adjunct scholar at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and the Middle East Forum. Dr. Romirowsky got his start in the policy world as a research fellow at the Middle East Forum - a Philadelphia-based think tank headed by scholar Daniel Pipes. Dr. Romirowsky is a former US international relations liaison officer in the West Bank and a lecturer to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Dessert Reception will follow.

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level possible. Today will go far towards ensuring that our beloved Beth El will continue to be the caring, concerned community that Rabbi Schwartz has described.

We all need Beth El to be there for us and our loved ones. What Beth El needs from us is basically our support, to the best of our ability, of the Annual Appeal. In this way, our Synagogue can continue to offer the necessary and amazing array of services that we all cherish and have come to rely on and expect.

L'Shana Tova! May you and all your loved ones be inscribed for a good, sweet and healthy New Year.

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DECEMBER MEETING

Beth El Seniors will be holding their December meeting on **Sunday, December 14, 2014**, at 6:30 p.m. in The Offit Auditorium. The cost for this evening is \$21.00 for members and \$24.00 for guests. Entertainment for the evening will be singer Bruce Thomas. **Reservations and payments are due no later than Tuesday, December 2.** Please advise us if you would like a sugar-free dessert, and with whom you'd like to be seated. The seating committee will do its best to accommodate your seating wishes. Please mark envelope Ruthye. Join us and bring your friends for an entertaining, inexpensive evening: dinner, entertainment and friendly company. Who could ask for anything more?! **Remember, a stranger is only a friend you've yet to meet.**

For further information call **Maxine Kontoff @ 410/486-1653** or **Ruthye Steinberg @ 410/655-8242**

*We wish all our families and friends a joyous Hanukkah.
Chag Sameach.*

MEMBERSHIP

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

TORAH MAINTENANCE CARDS

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



The slightest tear or smudge will render the Torah unfit for use. The Beth El Torahs are regularly inspected and repaired. This is a costly process. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a process that keeps our sacred scrolls preserved for future generations. Torah Maintenance Cards may be purchased at The Beth El front office or call **Dorothy Fineblum @ 410/653-2631**. These all-purpose cards are six for \$10.00 or \$2.00 each.

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



BETH EL LEGACY SOCIETY

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).

For more information about legacy gifts, visit the Beth El website at <http://www.bethelbalto.com/LegacySociety> or contact **Ailene Sher** at: 410-580-5159, or ailene@bethelbalto.com.

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



The 1st Wednesdays celebration of the legacy of Rabbi Mark G. Loeb: Rabbi Steven Schwartz spoke about Rabbi Loeb and welcomed The Alexandria Klezmet.

Photos courtesy of Judi Snyder.

1st Wednesdays @ Beth El

November 5: Dr. Steve Gimbel, Chair of the Philosophy Department at Gettysburg College, is the author of *Einstein's Jewish Science: Physics at the Intersection of Politics and Religion*. Dr. Gimbel has always been fascinated with Albert Einstein and became aware of the parallel between the way Einstein reasoned and the approach to ethics in classic Talmudic ethics. During the period between WWI and WWII with the rise of the Nazis, Einstein's theories were referred to as "Jewish science." He was made to be a villain. Yes, it is Jewish science and, according to Dr. Gimbel, it's something of which to be proud. We can apply the lessons of that time to today.

December 3: Meet Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, President of University of Maryland, Baltimore County, a charismatic leader. He was jailed for almost a week as a 12 year-old in the fight for civil rights in early 1960's. Dr. Hrabowski has spent much of his 17 years at the school's helm striving to channel minorities toward graduate school. UMBC is one of the nation's leading sources of African-American Ph.D.s in science and engineering, and almost half of the school's seniors go immediately to graduate school. Dr. Hrabowski has transformed a no-name, commuter university into one of the most innovative research institutions in the country and one that prepares students of all backgrounds for career success. Under his adept leadership, UMBC was ranked the #1 Up and Coming University in the USA for three consecutive years (2009, 2010, and 2011) by *U.S. News and World Report* magazine.

Live from NY's 92 Y

Now in its fourteenth year, *Live from NY's 92nd Street Y™* ("92Y Live") broadcasts cultural and educational programs by simulcasting, via private broadcast, to community organizations across North America. **These broadcasts are generously endowed by Robert and Florence Chertkof.** 92Y Live creates a global, interactive community center. Locations participate in events by submitting questions to panel speakers via email. The following two programs have been selected for you, our Beth El community audience. Please enjoy the evening and the dessert reception.

Sunday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.

"World Religions: Spotlight on Judaism."

Can religion be defined? Join these award-winning scholars, Jack Miles, Susannah Heschel, and David Biale as they tell a new story: traveling from pre-history to the present day illuminating how world religions came to be acknowledged and studied, with a focus on Judaism. How has this great civilization and religion been absorbed and altered, understood, and misunderstood?

Thursday, December 4, 8:15 p.m.

America and Israel: The Way Forward."

Join Dalia Rabin, the former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, and Ambassador Dennis Ross, who played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process, for an enlightening discussion on the future of Israel.

Kristallnacht: Rescuing the Evidence: *Three Minutes in Poland*



This program will feature Glenn Kurtz and Leslie Swift as moderator on **Monday, November 10, 2014**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gorn Chapel. Traveling in Europe in August 1938, one year before the outbreak of World War II, David Kurtz, a recent Jewish immigrant experiencing success in America, captured three minutes of ordinary life in a small, predominantly Jewish town in Poland on 16 mm Kodachrome color film. More than seventy years later, through the brutal twists of

history, these few minutes of home movie footage have become a memorial to an entire community – an entire culture – that was annihilated in the Holocaust. Now part of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's permanent collection, the film footage along with other collected artifacts and oral testimonies, will preserve these lives in perpetuity. There is no charge for this program.

Agus Academy: Study with the Rabbis

The first session for this year's Agus Academy will begin **November 17** with Rabbi Dana Saroken. This four-part series with Rabbi Dana Saroken entitled "**Will That Wine or Chair Ever Be Put to Use?**" begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Agus Library. Participants will learn about Eliyahu the Prophet and what makes him so special that we create a space for him at the Seders and at a Bris. We will begin the exploration for the "Mashiach" and the concept of an ultimate redemption.

Nourish Your Soul with...Sangria and Study. After a long day of work or activity, come and unwind and feed your body and soul at the Mari Luna Latin Grille with the Rabbis on **December 4, January 8, February 5, and March 12** from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The rabbis will teach a bit of Torah for inspiration as we enjoy each other's company and conversation in an informal and relaxing setting. Participants are responsible for their own food and drink.

Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner
Friday, November 14, 2014
6:00 p.m. Service
Program and dinner to follow.

Join us at Beth El for a Kabbalat Shabbat service in the Gorn Chapel followed by a traditional Shabbat Dinner. Enjoy the sounds and rhythms of Cantor Thom King, Dr. Eyal Bor on clarinet & saxophone, and Dr. Daniel Weisel on piano as we welcome Shabbat together.

Cost: \$25/adults; \$10/children under 12.

Contact Ellen Marks at ellenm@bethelbalto.com for more information.








1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

The school year started off as sweet as honey as our Religious School welcomed the year with Beekeeper Roger Williams. Roger brought hives, protective clothes, a smoker, bees wax candles, and everything else you can imagine a bee keeper using – except for the bees! Students of all ages asked questions and the room was silent as he explained just how important bees are for the foods we love to eat and agriculture in general. Following Roger’s presentation, the students voted on their favorite types of honey. Their choices included: raw honey, clover honey, wildflower honey, and apple honey which is not even made from bees! Raw honey and clover honey were the two winning flavors for our religious school students and their families. It was so wonderful to see how many parents joined us for the first day of school, and who learned something new alongside their children.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW HALLWAY!

If you have not been down the halls of the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School recently, it is time to make a special trip! This summer, under the creative advisement of Rabbi Cantor, Morah Jill, Dr. Bor, Ben Kreshtool, and Pamela Cooper, an artist from M.I.C.A. and Parsons School of Design in New York City, painted vibrant and beautiful murals in our school hallway. The process began with discussing some of our favorite quotes from either the Tanakh (Bible) or Jewish liturgy. Once we had decided on which quotes we all loved, we spoke with our artist who showed us sketches. When Pamela started painting, we knew that our school wing was being transformed into something beautiful. Bright colors, vivid images, and messages of joyful learning and peace now line our main hallway in the school. Parents and students alike were taken back when they entered into the building for the first day of school. We are hoping that when Pamela is home during her breaks, she will continue helping us create a warm and welcoming learning environment throughout the school.



MEET OUR B'NAI MITZVAH TUTORS!

Almost every Shabbat throughout the year, we are blessed to celebrate B’nai Mitzvah. The hard work of our students is evident as they ascend the Bima and are called to the Torah. Our students would not be nearly as successful as they are if it was not for the help and support of a really special cadre of people working in our school. Our B’nai Mitzvah tutors help our students review and achieve fluency in Hebrew reading, learning their Haftarah, Torah portions, and studying parts of the weekday service. Ellen Marks, our B’nai Mitzvah coordinator juggles with ease the schedules of our tutors along with the schedules of our parents. At any given time, we have over 70 students receiving lessons all week long. Ben Kreshtool, our new Ritual Director, has been Skyping students long distance and organizing all of their materials. Kol HaKavod to our B’nai Mitzvah tutors: Jill Book Manko, Michael Dopkin, Aylat Lifshitz, Becca Roberts, Julia Narrow, Heather Goodman, Dana Willoughby, and Bob Fellerman.

IT’S A GIRL THING!

Rabbi Saroken and Jen Rudo will be partnering on a wonderful program for 5th and 6th grade girls to help build self-esteem while creating lasting friendships.

When - **First Monday of every month at 7:30 pm from November to June**

Where - **The Mitchell David Teen Center
9621 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills**

Why Rosh Chodesh, it's a Girl Thing?

Girls come together as a group, examining the past that unites them, exploring ways to grow closer and finding their own inner beauty. They reflect on the value of being a Jewish female as they learn about the intrinsic importance of Jewish ritual. They take a significant first step to realizing “self”—through self-appreciation and self-reflection—while opening their hearts to the group, community and themselves.

The Great Ashrei Challenge is Back! Are you up for the Challenge?

Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken, Rabbi Cantor and Cantor King would like to issue the Ashrei Challenge! Stop by Rabbi Cantor’s office for a copy of Ashrei and a CD. When you are comfortable chanting Ashrei, make an appointment with Rabbi Cantor and show off your new skills. We will then schedule you for a Shabbat morning where you will lead the entire congregation in chanting this Psalm.

Ashrei is Psalm 145 (with a few extra lines) and is chanted responsively on Shabbat Morning after the Torah reading.

Everyone (K-7th Grade) who completes the Ashrei Challenge before Shavuot will be entered in the Ashrei raffle for a spectacular prize! Contact Rabbi Cantor at faith@bethelbalto.com for more information.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

NEW PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES — Pediatrician Rona Stein, MD., will present four workshops specifically for preschool parents. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar!

11/24 Common Behavior Problems
1/7 Language Development
2/25 Potty Issues/Toilet Training

FALL FAMILY PROGRAMS

11/13 Special Pre-K Family Program featuring Israeli children’s author Tami Lehman-Wilzig
12/16 Family Hanukkah dinner



For any questions about these programs, please contact Preschool Director **Ilene Vogelstein** at ilenev@bethelbalto.com.

The Infant and Toddler Sukkah

Shabbat Services for Children

Tot Shabbat:

November 1, November 8, December 6, December 13, December 20, January 10, January 24, January 31, February 7, February 21, March 7, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 16, May 23.

M&M Shabbat:

November 7, December 5, February 6, March 6, May 1, June 5

IPPE Shabbat:

November 1, December 6, January 10, January 24, February 7, March 7, May 2

Torah Sparks:

November 8, December 13, January 31, February 21, March 21, April 18, April 25

SAVE THE DATE!



2014 Dreidel Shop

ANNOUNCING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE 2014 DREIDEL SHOP!

By Tammy Schnydman

We are pleased to announce that one of Beth El's most beloved traditions, the Dreidel Shop, will once again be offering a "personal" Hanukkah shopping experience for our children and their families in December 2014. The Sisterhood, Religious Schools and Early Childhood Education Programs will co-sponsor this year's Dreidel Shop which will be open for your shopping pleasure from **Sunday, December 7, through Sunday, December 14**, in the beautiful Kolker Room. As in the past, gifts will be available and appropriate for all ages and stages of life; all will be pre-wrapped and ready to give and each will be offered for the exceptionally reasonable price of \$2.50.

Committee members Michelle Davis, Lauren Golaner, Sandy Gordon and Tammy Schnydman are already hard at work buying, planning and organizing so that the Shop will be well stocked, generously staffed and ready for its opening day. Our Committee knows well that we could not be successful in this venture without the dedication and support of many members of Beth El's professional staff, including Mandy Barish, Fran Davis, Lori Downing, Jill Eisen, Alyssa Geller and Michael Ray. We are also most grateful for the countless volunteer hours cheerfully provided by Sisterhood members and the parents of our school children.

We look forward to greeting our Beth El members, friends and families of all generations at the Dreidel Shop. Our very best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy, healthy and joyous Hanukkah!

SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

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

College Student Mailing List

Through the generosity of Melvin "Mickey" and Anita Steinberg, the congregation sends out small gifts to our college students a few times during the year. Please fill out the information below so that they can receive special mailings at school. You can either mail it or bring it in to Beth El. **EVEN IF YOU HAVE GIVEN US THIS INFORMATION IN THE PAST AND IT HAS NOT CHANGED, PLEASE SEND AGAIN.**

For more information, **contact Sandi Block at sandi@bethelbalto.com. Please send no later than Friday, November 7**, so that your child/children/grandchildren can be included. Our Hanukkah mailing goes out the week of December 1.

Student's Name _____

College _____

Graduation Year _____

College Mailing Address _____

Student's Email _____

Parents' names and phone numbers _____

Mail to: Beth El Congregation, Attn: Sandi Block
8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208



at Beth El's



Saturday, November 8, 2014

7:00 - 10:00 pm

TICKETS ARE \$18/PERSON

*Includes: DJ, Snacks,
Candy Bar, Raffle Ticket, Drink
Ticket and Cash Bar*



Rocking the Awesome 80's at Beth El's Culture Club is brought to you by the Berman-Lipavsky School Committee. All proceeds benefit Beth El Schools. For more information and to buy tickets contact Fran Davis, 410.484.4543 or fran@bethelbalto.com.

**Welcome to our new families,
preschool students and staff!**

Room 102 Infants:
Evan Beasley (Lisa and AB)

Room 103 Infants:
We opened up this new infant room at the beginning of this school year!

Avigyle Shechter (Shoshi and Ronen)
Stanley Carliner (Angelica and Joseph)
Abigail Cohn (Lisa and Seth)
Andi Mann (Nicki and Scott)
Mary Pearl Comeau (Leah and Aaron)
Jodie Schrier (Dena and Chad)
Reagan Sparks (Kate and Isaac)

Room 105 Toddlers:
Charlotte Ludwig (Nannette and Wesley)
Ellie Gladstone (Julie and Adam)
Isabelle Tanase-Coles (Monica and George)
Naomi Fishbein (Marina and Joshua)
James Kelbaugh (Jennifer and Chris)

Room 106 Toddlers:
Logan Harris (Erica and Drew)
Cashel Snitzer

New Staff in the Infant/Toddler Wing:
Emily Boling
Anna Eizman
Judith Landaw
Renata Hammond

In October 1986, the US Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on our inspections, re-inspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan please contact: **Gilbert Kleiner** FSA, Executive Director at **410-484-0411**.



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Children and their families work on an arts and crafts project before enjoying a meal in the sukkah.

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- Director of Development: Ailene Sher
- Assistant Administrator: Andrew Katz
- Event Coordinator: Lori Downing
- Communications Coordinator: Alyssa Geller
- Designer: Amy Wells
- President: Jerry Schnydmann
- Sisterhood Presidents: Bobbie Seilnick and Marlene Siegel
- Beth El Seniors Presidents: Dorothy Fineblum and Maxine Kontoff
- Men's Club President: Jack Boonshaft

Rabbi Jacob B. Agus, z"l (1911-1986) Founding Rabbi
Rabbi Mark G. Loeb, z"l (1944-2009)
Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman, z"l (1926-2008)

Beth El, a progressive and inclusive congregation affiliated with the Conservative Movement, fulfills the spiritual, educational, and social needs of its members by nurturing religious practices and tradition, Jewish values and Tikkun Olam.



Please recycle



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop



Please visit the Judaica Shop for all your gift-giving and home needs! We have something for everyone, from babies to seniors, in all price ranges.

Remember, the first night of Hanukkah is Tuesday, December 16.

Store Hours:

- Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or by appointment.
- Call Beverly Penn, 410-486-2667 or the Beth El Office, 410-484-0411.

Remember the purchases you make help support the synagogue, Israel and Beth El Schools!



The Empty Nesters group gathered for an enjoyable dinner in the Offit instead of the sukkah. Despite the weather, a great time was had by all.

BETH EL MEN'S CLUB



Name: _____
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