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SANDY WINTERS RETIRES AS RITUAL DIRECTOR



Sandy Winters, our Ritual Director at Beth El, will be retiring this June. Twenty-two years ago, Sandy came into our community and quickly became a role model and an inspiration to many. At a time when women were not yet fully participating in religious services, with Rabbi Loeb's insistence and blessings, Sandy helped pave the way for a truly egalitarian community.

During her years at Beth El, Sandy has had a wide range of responsibilities. She has read Torah during the week and on Shabbat, arranged for *shiva* coverage, led daily prayer services, coordinated and trained students for student and adult B'nai Mitzvah, supervised the peer tutoring program and taught numerous adult education classes.

Sandy's extensive knowledge of Judaism, her ability to present information in clear and compelling ways, along with her enthusiastic approach ensured that her classes were well attended, interesting and enlightening! Both inside and outside of the classroom, Sandy was always generous with her time and expertise. She has been there to assist members of our Sisterhood, Men's Club and the Seniors for their special services and to help out when needed. Whatever Sandy did, she truly gave it her all!

Sandy will be missed as a participant in the daily life of Beth El. However, we hope and pray that the years ahead will bring her health, happiness and the time to do the things that she

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aspires to do. Everyone at Beth El thanks Sandy for her dedication, wisdom and caring nature. We hope that she will remain a part of our lives and our community for many years to come.

**Beth El Congregation
Invites You
to celebrate
the gift of the Torah
on the holiday of
SHAVUOT
and to honor our
Teacher of Torah,
SANDY WINTERS.**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014
Beth El Congregation**

**RSVP by May 27 to Yvonne at
410-484-0411 or
Yvonne@bethelbalto.com**

Evening Schedule

7:00 - 7:40 p.m.

Evening service and musical performance
School Awards Presentation

7:40 - 7:50 p.m.

Tribute for Sandy Winters

7:50 - 8:20 p.m.

"Drawing a Straight Line from Pesach to Shavuot" taught by Sandy Winters

8:20 - 9:00 p.m.

Dessert Reception in the Myers Auditorium

9:00 - 9:45 p.m.

Concurrent Classes taught by:

- Rabbi Dana Saroken ("Rabbi Saroken's Top 10 Commandments")
- Cantor Thom King ("Akdamat: The Epic Ode of Shavuot")
- Dr. Mark Whitman ("Obamacare, The Jews and Religious Freedom")

9:50 - 10:30 p.m.

Final study session taught by Rabbi Schwartz ("Whose Torah? Moses', Ours, or God's?")



Shavuot, also known as the Festival of Weeks, commemorates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. This holiday also deals with the reflection of the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple. The Book of Ruth is studied during Shavuot. Customs of Shavuot include eating one dairy meal, reading Torah at night, praying early in the morning, and no work during the day. **This year, we will celebrate Shavuot from June 3 – June 5.**

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**

Honoring Beth El's Clergy for 40 Years of Service

The GENERATIONS Campaign Kickoff

Featuring "The Capitol Steps"

7:00 PM • RUBIN SANCTUARY • DESSERT RECEPTION

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Marjorie Deutschman on the loss of her beloved father, Gustave Strow.
 Mrs. Carol Engelman and Mr. Peter Engelman on the loss of their beloved husband and brother, Jerry Engelman.
 Mrs. Nancy Gertner on the loss of her beloved father, Dr. Frederick Bertram Brandt.
 The Family of Ruth Merin.
 Mrs. Henrietta Pasarew on the loss of her beloved son, Russell Schreiber.
 Mrs. Eileen Rome on the loss of her beloved mother, Shirley Amerman.
 Mr. Norman Schrum on the loss of his beloved wife, Barbara Schrum.
 The Family of Morris L. Shapiro.
 Mrs. Maxine C. Sisserman on the loss of her beloved husband, Larry Sisserman.
 Mr. Perry Snyder and Mr. Stephen Snyder on the loss of their beloved mother, Elaine C. Snyder.
 Mrs. Michelle Weisbrot on the loss of her beloved father, Irwin Holland.
 Mr. Jeffrey Ziegler on the loss of his beloved father, Milton Ziegler.

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Ms. Faith Adelman on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Julia Megan Adelman.
 Drs. Andrea and Karl Fleischer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jillian Fleischer.
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rome on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Abby Joy Rome.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Rosenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Robert Max Rosenberg.
 Mrs. Jo Rubin on the birth of a great grandson Stanley Penn Carliner.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Seidman on the marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Jared Akman, son of Mrs. Terri Akman and the late Bryan Akman; grandparents are Marion and Alvin Akman.
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snyder on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Shelby Morgan Snyder; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lazinsky and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Snyder; great-grandmother is Helen Silverberg.
 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Whiteman on the birth of a daughter, Nadia Elyse Whiteman; grandparents are Mrs. Jeanne Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whiteman.
 Mr. and Mrs. David Yumkas on the birth of a granddaughter, Bethany Lee Epstein.

JUNE 2014 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Eden and Adam Himelfarb on their 5th
 Dori and David Vitberg on their 10th
 Jill and David Suffel on their 15th
 Daina and Ira Garonzik on their 20th
 Jennifer and Jon Krieger on their 20th
 Shawn and Shawn McKenzie on their 20th
 Mary and Howard Zlotowitz on their 20th
 Wendy and Marc Elover on their 25th
 Kathy and Warren Epstein on their 25th
 Rebecca and Alan Fink on their 25th
 Shari and Tom Kohn on their 25th
 Jennifer and Keith Shapiro on their 25th
 Jane and Lonny Tiedeman on their 25th
 Lisa and Jerry Janofsky on their 30th
 Leslie and Ira Papel on their 30th
 Nancy and Lawrence Rosenberg on their 30th
 Sheryl and Stuart Title on their 30th
 Susan and Ben Silverman on their 30th
 Shelia and Jeffrey Ziegler on their 30th
 Rosalie and Sidney Chernick on their 35th
 Hannelore and James Crystal on their 35th
 Janet and Darryl London on their 35th
 Ruth and Lee Shpritz on their 35th
 Lynn and Joe Koff on their 40th
 Sandy and Kenny Glick on their 40th
 Robin and Karl Mindel on their 40th
 Sharon and Marshall Paul on their 40th
 Lynn and Alan Bloom on their 45th
 Patricia and Ronald Brave on their 45th
 Joan and Michael Eisenberg on their 45th
 Jayne and Robert Fero on their 45th
 Marcia and Jack Greenberg on their 45th
 Barbara and Robert Karen on their 45th
 Susan and August Treff on their 45th
 Linda and Barton Lasker on their 50th
 Judy and Marc Lipchin on their 50th
 Barbara and Irvin Donick on their 55th
 Judith and Jonathan Kolker on their 55th
 Marion and Alvin Akman on their 60th
 Bernice and Mishel Roseman on their 65th

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAT MITZVAH
Shelby Morgan Snyder, daughter of Rebecca and Michael Snyder will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah June 7, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Julia Megan Adelman, daughter of Faith Adelman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah June 14, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Abby Joy Rome, daughter of Eileen and Mark Rome will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah June 14, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Jillian Fleischer, daughter of Drs. Andrea and Karl Fleischer will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah June 21, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Robert Max Rosenberg, son of Ilene and Jonathan Rosenberg will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah June 21, 2014.

Beth El Baby



Charlie Monroe Kline
 Born: March 20, 2014

Daughter of
Jessica and Joshua Kline

Granddaughter of
Phyllis and Richard Kline

IN MEMORIAM

**JERRY ENGELMAN
 RUTH MERIN
 BARBARA SCHRUM
 MORRIS L. SHAPIRO
 LARRY SISSERMAN**

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**.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tuesday, June 3 - Erev Shavuot

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Evening Service	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4 – Shavuot Day 1

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 5 – Shavuot Day 2

Yizkor will be recited during the morning service

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 6

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting	8:10 p.m.

Saturday, June 7

Parsha of the Week – Beha'alotecha

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting	8:14 p.m.

Saturday, June 14

Parsha of the Week – Shelach

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 20

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting	8:16 p.m.

Saturday, June 21

Parsha of the Week – Korach

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 27

Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting	8:17 p.m.

Saturday, June 28

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Parsha of the Week – Chukat

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Evening Service	8:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Morning

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

Evening

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

*Check website or call 410-580-2727

Thank You!

Our Blood Drive on April 23 was a success. We collected 70 pints of blood, somewhat less than usual, but the Red Cross was happy. The success was, as always, because of the number of people who showed up to donate.

A very important group that we cannot forget to mention is our volunteers. Without the people who make the phone calls, those that help on the day of the drive, and the Beth El staff that set up the room and make sure we always have something to eat and drink and of course, sweets to snack on. Without them, there would be no Blood Drive.

Our next Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, October 22. In order to be able to give at our Beth El Blood Drive, you cannot give blood anywhere else after August 26. Once again, a big thank you to everyone involved in making our drive a success.

– Jerry Goodman

RABBI REFLECTION

The Door

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Not uncommonly I am called to a room where a person lies dying. Often they are surrounded by family, and friends may be present as well. Sometimes a quietness pervades the atmosphere, people speaking in whispers, the rasping breath of a person's last hours the subtext of all that is going on. Other times there is laughter, conversation, even song and occasionally prayer. By and large people are not quite sure what to do, or how to do it. But they know they have to be there, engaged in this strange waiting for something they both want and do not want to happen.

I believe the dying person knows they are surrounded by people they have shared life with. Whether they are conscious or not, aware or not, lucid or not, I believe they have, somewhere deep inside, a sense of presence. I do not know or care whether scientific or medical research supports this. It is what I believe to be true, and it brings meaning to these moments. Otherwise, why be there at all? I suppose that question can be answered by saying, 'it is for us.' We are there to know that we were there, that we've fulfilled our duty, that we've been loyal and good sons, daughters, spouses, siblings, parents.

But also we are there for them. They are not alone, even in their last moments. They are loved, touched, felt for, cared for. Those moments are hard, enormously so. They can be painful, bitter, heart-wrenching, but at the same time filled with great relief. They are also sacred, as sacred as any moments we share with others on this earth. Somehow God is there in the last, gentle, exhale.

In my own mind I use the following image to understand those moments, to access them. There is a door. Closed, imposing, heavy. And the dying person has a task, a goal – to somehow get through that door to the other side. We also have a task. To help them there, to bring them, when their own strength has failed or is failing, to that door. Perhaps to lean them against it, to bring their hand to the grain of the wood, to whisper in their ear that the door is right before them, and that they can open it, and walk through. We can't go with them. Not yet, anyway, though our time also will come. But we can bring them all the way there, just to the very edge, to the opening.

Then comes the hardest task of all. To let them go, and allow them to open the door, walk through that liminal space, and leave us behind. It is what we do for them, the very last thing we can do for them. And only we can do it. Finally, ultimately, they will go through, and they are gone. The door closes, and we turn away from the mystery back to the sunshine of a new day.

I love the image of a great ship leaving the port, sails full, heading out to the open seas. She reaches a point far on the horizon, and those watching her from the port cry out – she is gone! But across the deep and vast water there is another port, another shore. And just as she disappears from our sight, those on the other side suddenly see her spring into view. There she is! Here she comes! She has crossed to the other side. May the four winds blow her safely home.



Many volunteers performed a mitzvah at the recent Blood Drive held in the Offit Auditorium. A special thank you to Jerry & Sonya Goodman for organizing another successful Blood Drive!

IT IS RAELY TRUE



Israel to hydrate Nevada?

Presiding over an arid land of deserts not unlike Israel, Nevada's Governor Brian Sandoval travelled to Israel last year seeking ideas on indoor farming techniques and how Israeli technology gets the most out of severe landscapes. Plans are in place to collaborate on water management issues.

Right of return for Indian "Lost Jews"

The Israeli government has paved the way for relocating 899 Bnei Menashe from India to Israel. The Knesset voted unanimously that the so called "Lost Jews", believed to be the descendants of one of the ten 'lost tribes' of ancient Israel, will have the right of return.

Super glue to replace stitches?

Israeli Prof. Havazelet Bianco-Peled of Haifa's Technion University has invented a new super glue that mechanically seals areas of potential leakage after surgery, without the need for sutures. The "Seal-V" glue is developed from the cell walls of brown algae, and the developers are seeking FDA approval for use in the U.S.



- An informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Offit with Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Dr. Eyal Bor.
- Visit NEW and EXCITING sites.
- Have FUN while traveling with your Beth El family.
- **Questions?** Contact Dr. Eyal Bor at 410-484-0411 or 410-484-4543.

JOIN US!

Twilight Congregational Shabbat Service

Friday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a dairy or pareve (no meat) picnic, lawn chairs and a blanket and enjoy an evening of prayer and entertainment with you family at Beth El!
Contact **Diane Cole** at diane@bethelbalto.com or 410-484-0411 for more information.

SUCCESSFUL ADULT LIFELONG LEARNING AT BETH EL!

The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning at Beth El Congregation is very proud of the programming that was provided for our adult learners this year; there has truly been something for everyone!

If you liked the lighter side of programming, you loved our 1st Wednesdays@Beth El events. Music lovers enjoyed the sounds of University of Maryland's Jewish a cappella Rak Shalom which was presented with love and admiration in memory of H. Allan Lipsitz. In addition, the Clipper City Brass Quintet and the US Navy Commodores Jazz Ensemble kept everyone's toes tapping. Other programs offered this season included our distinguished *Lean In* Panel moderated by Rabbi Saroken, journeying back in time with Yvonne Daniel to her Shanghai beginnings, traveling through the Space Program with astronaut Dr. Donald Thomas, learning the ins and outs of baseball then and now through Barry Steelman's Jewish perspective, and kibitzing with the ever popular and entertaining Gilbert Sandler brought back fond memories of Jewish Baltimore. Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken, Rabbi Cantor and Sandy Winters studied with us in the Agus Academy while our distinguished Rabbis and Rosann Catalano guided us through "Great Biblical

Characters and the Moments That Define Them". You participated in Torah L'Shema, Siddur Reading, Hebrew language and Tzion through Baltimore Hebrew Institute from Towson University and even learned how to Google and use email in our beginning computer class 101!

How can we top this season's outstanding programming offerings? We plan to welcome The Stoop Storytellers, UMBC's distinguished President Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, and Dr. Steve Gimbel who will come to Beth El to discuss *Einstein's Jewish Science*. Add to the mix 92nd Y Live sponsored by Robert and Florence Chertkof and other assorted stimulating and thought-provoking programs throughout the coming year.

According to Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of the Center and Beth El Schools, "The Mark G. Loeb Center brought hundreds of participants to our programs, thus creating a wider community within our Beth El family. The 'buzz' on the street is that Beth El offers the best adult education programs in the area. It is our goal to live up to that reputation".

The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning at Beth El hopes to see you at our 2014-2015 program events. We look forward to sharing the joy of adult learning and wonderful programming here at Beth El.



The U.S. Navy Band The Commodores, the Navy's premiere jazz ensemble, played at Beth El's 1st Wednesday concert on May 7. The Commodores have been performing for the Navy and the nation for over 40 years.



THE AGUS LIBRARY

**AGUS LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER
ON MAY 30, 2014**

Please return all borrowed books.
You may leave books with the receptionist at the front desk.
Questions? Call Barbara Berkowitz 410- 296-8424.

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.

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

SOCIAL ACTION

Bikur Cholim - The Jewish tradition of bikur cholim (be-core kho-leem), Hebrew for "visiting the sick," calls on us to support the needs of those who are ill or isolated. Our committee works to maintain a lifeline connection with people who need our support through telephone calls and personal visits. If you would like to be added to our list of volunteer visitors, OR if you know a member who would benefit from a friendly visit, please contact **Cindy Neuman** at cindyneuman@gmail.com.

Transportation – There are many congregants at Beth El who are still in need of transportation to Shabbat Services, as well as appointments to doctors, physical therapy, dialysis, etc. Please contact **Paul Sheitel** at psheit@comcast.net if you would like to become a driver.

Hackerman-Patz House – In late spring or early summer, we will offer dinner and a fun activity for children and their families at the Hackerman-Patz House. Please contact **Ellen Budish** at ebudish@verizon.net or **Jeanette Davis** at jeajekdavis@hotmail.com for more information or to help out with this project.



If you can knit or crochet and would like to help keep Project W.A.V.E. alive, the following items are needed:
hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, afghans, lap blankets, and walker bags.

Acrylic yarn only, please NO WOOL. If you cannot knit or crochet, you can help by donating acrylic yarn. For more information email **Dora Smith** at wave116@comcast.net.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Robert Schapiro

Stationed at Gate H, behind the center-field scoreboard at the northern end of the distinctive brick B&O Warehouse, Robert Schapiro greets fans outside Oriole Park at Camden Yards with Hall of Fame-caliber vocal embraces.

"Welcome! Thanks for coming," he tells a fan on a wet and chilly Thursday afternoon, the third game of the new baseball season.

At 57, Schapiro remains a bundle of joy — a large presence, in girth and personality, for fans entering the ballpark where he has been employed since it opened in April 1992 as the home of the Baltimore Orioles. For the last 18 years, he has worked at Gate H.

Colleagues and fans, along with those who know him in the Baltimore Jewish community, say Schapiro possesses an intelligence and a heart of gold that make him special, although they admit that his forthrightness and often-disheveled appearance can be off-putting at first.

"I love the job. It's an amazing job," Schapiro says just before the fans, many wearing the garb of the Orioles and the visiting Boston Red Sox, proceed past the turnstiles.

The opening of Camden Yards revolutionized the architectural landscape of Major League Baseball. For Robert Schapiro, it gave him his place in life.

To read the full article, please visit jta.org (search: Robert Schapiro).

This article was written by Hillel Kuttler for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.



Robert Schapiro with Sgt. Nicholas McCulley at Schapiro's Gate H entrance.

Photo credit: Hillel Kuttler, Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

SISTERHOOD JTS BENEFACTORS' TEA

The torrential downpour could not keep away 27 of our benefactors to the JTS tea on April 30. We enjoyed delicious desserts and wonderful conversations. Rabbi Dana Saroken came and spoke to us about the beautiful "The Song of Songs" by King Solomon. A lively discussion followed the readings. This has been a banner year for our fundraising to benefit The Jewish Theological Seminary. All contributions are greatly appreciated. We are available with cards throughout the year. Please contact either **Jane Krosin 410-484-4218** or **Hilda Dopkin 410-486-4453**.



Sisterhood Benefactors Tea organizers Jane Krosin and Hilda Dopkin pose with Rabbi Dana Saroken, who spoke about "The Song of Songs" by King Solomon.

Photo credit: Judi Snyder

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENTS' REPORT

As we reflect back on 2013-2014, Sisterhood has had a busy year. Since the opening brunch in September, our members have been involved in a variety of activities and projects.

Our monthly luncheon meetings were well attended, interesting, and informative. The trip committee took us to Washington, DC; Brandywine, PA; Brooklyn, NY; Philadelphia, PA; and Arlington, VA. Each trip was unique and offered our members opportunities to learn and enjoy the diversity that Sisterhood has to offer. We are proud to report that the membership committee added 53 new members to our roster. We welcome these new members and urge them to become active in all aspects of our organization.

A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers who run the Judaica Shop; they had another successful year. Biblio, our monthly book club, provided our members and guests the opportunity to review and discuss selected books. Our two petite luncheons and rabbis' book reviews were well received. Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Rabbi Dana Saroken enriched our understanding of the reviewed books *My Promised Land* and *The Attack*. The Decorative Arts committee distributed lovely handmade afghans to those who were ill or home bound. The Archive Committee continued to organize and identify various aspects of Sisterhood's history. They are ready to move on to the next phase of the project. The Torah Fund Committee surpassed its goal when 41 members became benefactors. The money raised by the benefactors and individual contributors goes directly to the Jewish Theological Seminary where conservative rabbis, cantors and teachers are educated.

Beth El Sisterhood hosted the Joint Sisterhood dinner on March 31. Over 200 women from the five conservative synagogues came together to share the evening and be entertained by Bob Hallock. Thanks to our Joint Sisterhood Committee, it was a perfect event. Our non-donor was also very successful and the money collected is part of the monies Sisterhood contributes to Beth El Congregation and Beth El schools each year. On May 4, 5, and 6 Unique Boutique was held for the 10th year, and we are proud to report that it was enjoyed by all who attended. On May 10, we celebrated Sisterhood Shabbat. The Shabbat service was conducted by Sisterhood members, their daughters, and granddaughters all of whom enjoyed the lovely Kiddush sponsored by Sisterhood. Finally, on May 19 this year's activities were concluded with the closing luncheon and installation of officers and board members. Sisterhood was proud to contribute \$58,800 to the Congregation and Beth El Schools at this event.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer of fun and rest. There are many exciting and interesting events planned for 2014-2015 and we look forward to having each of you join us.

Judy Pachino and Marlene Siegel
Co-Presidents

SISTERHOOD SAYS THANK YOU!

The members of Sisterhood would like to extend a sincere thanks to the following chairwomen who helped to make our year a successful one:

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| Agus Library | Barbara Berkowitz |
| Achieves | Ilene Merenbloom and Rae Shalowitz |
| Biblio | Barbara Berkowitz and Rita Silverman |
| Book Reviews | Alice Levin and Sandy Silberman |
| Bride's Books | Michelle Azwalinsky and Marta Braverman |
| Budget and Finance | Glenda Chernoff and Bette Dahne |
| Caring Committee | Sara Berger and Helene Levi |
| Decorations | Judy Frankle and Barbara Mendelshon |
| Decorative Arts | Rhona Sober |
| Donor | Bette Dahne and Phyllis Cutler |
| D'Var Torah | Yvonne Daniel and Karen Lent |
| Federation | Estelle Kabik and Honey Litman |
| Fundraising- | Eunice Friedman and Susan Horwitz |
| Goals and | |
| Strategic Planning | Dale Kahn and Marlene Morrison |
| Jewish /Israel | |
| Information | Carolyn Shochet, Anita Potemken and Rita Silverman |
| Joint Sisterhood | Sharon Dorenfeld and Betsy Narrow |
| JTS Torah Fund | Jane Krosin and Hilda Dopkin |
| Landscaping- | Brenda Mandel |
| Luncheons/ | Marcia Boonshaft, Esther Harris, |
| Reservations | Rita Feinberg, Pauline Settleman |
| Membership | Susan Hackerman, Dee Simon and Terry Zimlin |
| Nominating | Susan Hackerman and Janet Penn |

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| Publicity | Helen Bronstein and Alice Levin |
| School Liaisons | Saralynn Glass and Tammy Schnydmann |
| Sisterhood Shabbat | Frida Fraiman, Merle Intner, Jane Krosin, and Nancy Medin |
| Subscription Lunches | June Sachs and Marilyn Siegel |
| Telephone Tree | Judy Rosenberg and Hulane Zolet |
| Unique Boutique | Helen Bronstein, Sonia Obstler |
| Unique Boutique Raffle | Sandy G. Gordon and Anita Sherman |

BIBLIO CLOSING MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at noon

David Chu's China Bistro, 7105 Reisterstown Road

This outstanding Biblio season will come to a close on Wednesday, June 11 at noon with a luncheon and special program at David Chu's China Bistro. Paula Gallagher, Pikesville Librarian and guest literary consultant on the Dan Rodericks Show, will reveal the latest and best reads of this season – and the books that will be published in the coming months. All are welcome to join us!

Please make your reservation by enclosing your check for \$18 made out to Beth El Sisterhood and send it to the synagogue, Attn: Frida Friaman or Carol Cummins. **Your reservation must be in no later than June 7.**

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Our Sisterhood numbers are constantly growing. We welcome **Dr. Glynis Adams, Natalie Spector and Brylene Schwartz** for 2014-2015 and **Beth Swirnow and Danielle Shapiro** as courtesy members for 2014-2015.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Torah Fund had a banner year in support of The Jewish Theological Seminary. We would like to thank all our benefactors and those who contributed to the fund. Cards are available for purchase all year. Please contact **Jane Krosin 410-484-4218** or **Hilda Dopkin 410-486-4453** for cards or information.

"KNITZVAH PROJECT"

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "knitzvah project" this past winter. Knitting the squares kept us occupied while stuck in snow-bound homes. To those who donated the yarn, thank you too. All of it was used. Special thanks to Roz Blankman for patiently sewing the squares together. The afghans are greatly appreciated by those who receive them. More than 20 were wrapped and delivered just in this past year. Please keep knitting, donating, and remembering those who could benefit from one of these wonderful gifts. Feel free to call **Rhona Sober 410-653-2782** with any questions.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS



The 98th Convention of the Federation of Jewish Women was held on May 15, 2014 at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Deborah Grayson Riegel author of "Oh, Vey! Isn't a Strategy: 25 Solutions for Personal and Professional Success". Our own **Janet Penn** was honored.

UPCOMING PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH SUNDAY

Sunday, September 7



Sisterhood members who will have paid their dues for the coming year (bills will be sent out over the summer) will be invited to a paid-up membership brunch on Sunday, September 7. The guest presenter is Tony Foreman, CEO of Foreman and Wolf.

Foreman is the founder and co-owner of Baltimore's premier restaurant company, Foreman Wolf, comprised of six restaurants and two retail wine stores.



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!

Sarah Rohan - receptionist
 Ilene Merenbloom - volunteers
 Phyllis Cutler and Honey Litman - food
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SISTERHOOD'S FALL 2014 TRIPS

(Note: Registration for these trips began on Monday, May 19, 2014)

Tuesday, September 9
Winterthur Museum, Wilmington, Delaware

JOIN US AT WINTERTHUR MUSEUM TO SEE THE COSTUMES OF DOWNTON ABBEY. Tour the House and Gardens. This will be followed by High Tea at the DuPont Hotel. Costumes of Downton Abbey is an original exhibition of exquisite designs from the award-winning television series. Forty historically inspired costumes from the television show will be displayed and supplemented by photographs and vignettes inspired by the fictional program and by real life at Winterthur. Visitors will have a chance to step into and experience the world of Downton Abbey® and the contrasting world of Winterthur founder Henry Francis du Pont and his contemporaries in the first half of the 20th century.

Cost \$110. Download your form from the Beth El website (bethelbalto.com) or get it at the Beth El Congregation reception desk.

Tuesday, October 28
Odyssey Cruise, Washington DC and the Freer Sackler Galleries

JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT ESCAPE ON THE WATER! Step aboard Washington DC's most elegant cruising vessel for distinctive dining of an elegant lunch with exceptional service and delightful ambiance. See unmatched spectacular views of Washington DC's historic monuments. Odyssey is the only vessel designed specifically to travel under the historic bridges spanning the Potomac. Odyssey offers exclusive river views of the nation's greatest monuments from every table. At times when wind and tide conditions prevent navigation to the Kennedy Center and Georgetown, an alternative route south on the Potomac and past historical Old Town Alexandria will be taken.

Following the cruise we will visit The Freer Gallery located on the National Mall, a museum showcasing Asian artwork. Exhibits include displays of a variety of artwork including sculptures, paintings, ceramics, and more. Artwork from China, India, Egypt, Japan, Nepal, Persia, Korea, Syria, and the Kushan Empire is among the works on display. The Gallery is associated with the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. Through underground connections, the Freer Gallery is connected to the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, National Museum of African Art, and S. Dillon Ripley Center.

Cost \$120. Download your form from the Beth El website (bethelbalto.com) or get it at the Beth El Congregation reception desk.

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.



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In honor of the birth of our Granddaughter
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March 20, 2014
Phyllis and Richard Kline



The Sisterhood recently visited the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens and the Brooklyn Museum of Art on one of their many popular cultural trips.

Sisterhood members Linda Mondell and Beverly Penn pose with Director of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Arnold Lehman during their trip to the art museum on April 24.



DEE CURTIN & JILL EISEN RECEIVE BAYLIN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Morton and Joan Baylin Award for Excellence in Teaching is granted to a teacher/administrator who has made significant improvements in their department. This person is a professional who has a vision for the future and the courage to implement those changes for the better. **Dee Curtin** is the exact definition of that person.

After nine years serving as the Director of the Young School, Dee ultimately decided to follow her passion of working with infants and toddlers. Her goal was to create safe, nurturing, respectful and developmentally-appropriate environments where children could thrive. Dee has done a terrific job of transforming our infant toddler program, knowing that the first three years of a child's life are the most important for brain development.

Dee applies the RIE philosophy in her teachings which focus on the importance of building relationships, respecting babies as equal partners in their care and allowing them to unfold in their own way and in their own time.

Dee's vision and changes helped our program grow from eight children to 30 in just two years. She also recognized the need for part-time options as well, which significantly increased our enrollment as well.

Dee skillfully supervised and mentors a diverse staff of committed professionals and manages the complex scheduling of a program that is open 11 hours a day, 5 days a week, year-round. Building relationships with families is as important as creating quality environments for infants and toddlers. Many of our families are here with their second child, the best testament of the quality of care and education Dee created.

When Dee is not at school, she is working on an organic garden project with her husband, Steve, her 16 yr old son, Spencer, and a group of friends. She enjoys cooking and looks forward to using the produce from her garden. Dee also loves to read and is a member of a book club.

We are immensely fortunate and appreciative of Dee's dedication to our children, our families and our faith. Dee has embraced Judaism, our school values and is constantly seeking to learn Hebrew phrases (*Shabbat shalom, chag samaech*). I cannot imagine a more deserving professional for this award.

The Berman-Lipavsky Religious School is pleased to announce that **Jill Eisen**, Assistant Principal, is this year's recipient of the Morton and Joan Baylin Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is presented in recognition of teachers for their dedication and outstanding teaching ability.

Jill's passion and commitment to providing her students with an excellent Jewish education is evident in everything she does. In her classes, she enables her students to understand how Judaism relates to their daily lives. Whether Jill is presenting the weekly Torah portion, or discussing the creation of the State of Israel, she goes beyond just teaching the facts. Eisen constructs her lessons so her students understand how Jewish values and traditions help to develop who they are and the decisions that that make.

Under Jill's leadership, the satellite program, Hebrew in Your Neighborhood, has grown from 14 students to 101 students in five years. These students, who otherwise would have no synagogue affiliation or religious school education, meet weekly to explore their Jewish heritage. These youngsters study Hebrew, Jewish holidays, and Tanakh. In addition, with Jill's leadership and commitment to building multi-generational Jewish relationships, participating families come together for Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations.

Jill transforms learning into enjoyable experiences. The classes are filled with learning and laughter. Jill uses multi-sensory teaching techniques so the varying learning styles of students in her classes are met. Games and projects are created as are field trips to assure learning is constantly being achieved through a variety of materials and experiences. Eisen is cognizant that when her students are enjoying themselves, they will absorb more information and look forward to future classes.

Jill has the ability to connect with everyone. She is liked and admired by her students and has been called a "teacher's teacher". She is a regular presenter at NewCAJE Conferences, and is always available to help a colleague. Jill easily develops a relationship with her outreach families. Her sincerity and warmth helps these families to become more comfortable with their Jewish identities and practices. It is these attributes that make it easy to understand why Jill has been chosen for the 2014 Baylin Award.

NOTE: ALL AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT SHAVUOT SERVICE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3.



CHAD FISHER IS FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE OFFIT AWARD

When Director of Development Ailene Sher asked the school administration to identify an exceptional student to be the first recipient of the Morton H. Offit Distinguished Character Award, there was no hesitation. The name that came to everyone's mind was "**Chad Fisher**". Chad is a 10th grader at Pikesville Senior High School and received his Jewish education at Beth El. After his Bar Mitzvah, he became a member of the Confirmation class and is an active participant in our Rabbinic Schmooze. This group of middle and high school students meet once a month to discuss Jewish topics with one of our rabbis.

Chad gives back to the religious school community as a madrich, teaching assistant, in the Gan kindergarten class. Chad said, "What I love the most about teaching in the Gan is that the kids are happy to be here." He devotes time every month with our youth department as a Stay and Play Supervisor with first – fifth graders. Chad is also a favorite leader in our school minyan.

When Chad is not at Beth El, he plays on the Pikesville High School tennis team, is a leader in the student government, is a member of the It's Academic Club as well as a member of the Robotic Club. When asked what he does for fun in his spare time, Chad answered "the Jewish Volunteer Connection." This is an Associated sponsored program in which Chad is a participant. He also loves to play both board and video games with his friends.

Chad is always smiling. He is gentle and his students adore him. His comments during classes are thought provoking and he is a leader among his peers. We cannot think of a more deserving teenager in the Beth El community. Therefore, it is a pleasure for the school administration to recommend Chad as the first recipient of the Morton H. Offit Award.



M&M Shabbat

June 6

Gorn Chapel,
5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

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

SCHUSTER LIBRARY

Closed for the summer

Preschool Notes

1. New Kindergarten class forming for September 2014. Contact Ilene Vogelstein 410-602-2245 or ilenev@bethelbalto.com for more information.

2. Coppermine at Beth El - registration still open for an amazing summer program. For information contact Mandy@bethelbalto.com or call 410-602-2245.

3. Register now for My Grown Up and Me class beginning September. Contact mandy@bethelbalto.com or call 410-602-2245.

4. Volunteers are needed to help water the garden on the weekends. Please contact Ilene Vogelstein at ilenev@bethelbalto.com



Preschoolers in Room 7 enjoyed sampling matzah during a lesson on Passover.



5th and 7th graders tasted Israeli Foods for Yom Ha'atzmaut and reviewed them in Hebrew... Hummus and Pickles got rave reviews as did chocolate. Eggplant scared off many of the tasters!



Robert Slatkin recently rid his home of old bills and miscellaneous papers at the Beth El Paper Shredding and E-Cycle Event on May 4.



Numerous bins were filled with donated paper to be shredded during the event.

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SENIORS

JULY MEETING

The Beth El Seniors will hold their July meeting on **Sunday, July 13 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 our own Dr. Eyal Bor and Friends, who will perform Classical Music, Show Tunes, Jazz, etc. **Reservations and payments are due no later than Friday June 27, 2014.** Please advise us if you would like a sugar-free dessert, and with whom you'd like to be seated. Mark your payment envelope to Maxine or Ruthye. For further information call **Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653 or Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242.**

REMINDER

Senior Shabbat will be Saturday, July 12, 2014. Services will be conducted by our Seniors, with a lovely Kiddush following. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special Service.

MEMBERSHIP

Beth El Seniors is 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 of only \$21.00 per member. Call **Martha Glasner at 410/486-7407** 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 at 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 as the son and grandson of rabbis, he has infused his work with the customs and traditions of our religion.

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Please recycle

The High Holidays are just around the corner!

Now is the chance to purchase or change your High Holiday seats at Beth El! Whether you are a member looking to purchase or change seats this year, or a non-member looking to join the Beth El family, please email your request to Executive Director Gil Kleiner, FSA, at gil@bethelbalto.com by Friday, August 1.

Please get your request in ASAP.

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BETH EL CHOIR & CANTOR KING PRESENT

THE RETURN OF



CABARET NIGHTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014

7:00 PM

FEATURING YOUR FAVORITE BROADWAY SONGS BY JEWISH COMPOSERS.

LIVE ORCHESTRA. WINE & CHEESE. AND MORE!

ADMISSION \$12. CALL YVONNE AT 410-484-0411 FOR RESERVATIONS.

THIS IS A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED!



BETH EL Memorial Park

is having an open house on
Monday, June 2 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Take a tour of our beautiful cemetery.
 Lot purchases can be made at that time.
 Please contact Andy Katz at
 410-484-0411 or andy@bethelbalto.com
 for more information.



BETH EL AT THE YARD

Baltimore Orioles
 vs.
 Oakland A's

Sunday, June 8,
 1:35 p.m.

Join Beth El for a day
 at the yard!
 This will be an extremely fun
 afternoon,
 you don't want to miss!



Cantor Thom King will
 sing the National Anthem.

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!
 \$15/ticket

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 410-484-0411
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