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LEGACY

We are proud to honor our Beth El Legacy Society members for their generosity and foresight and are delighted to share their stories with you in this and future issues of the Beth El Voice. We feature **Gloryann and Lee Snyder** in this issue.

Gloryann and Lee enthusiastically talked about their long and fulfilling affiliation with Beth El. They have spent most of their adult lives being part of the Beth El family. They were married by Rabbi Agus and Cantor Hammerman. Rabbi Loeb officiated at their daughter's wedding and grandchildren's B'nai Mitzvah.

Lee explained that his involvement actually started with his dad, Joseph Snyder. When the elder Snyder lost his parents and his sister within a very short time, he began attending services regularly at Beth El. At that time Beth El was located on the second floor of a building near the corner of Garrison and Liberty Heights Avenues. Over time, his father became more and more involved in the synagogue activities, ushering during the High Holy Days and helping to run the Shabbat service. Lee remembers that they always joined their parents for High Holiday services at Beth El. In fact, to this day they proudly sit in his parents' seats in the Offit auditorium.

The often-used quotes (attributed to unknown authors), "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree ... And good fathers make good sons," fittingly describe Joseph and Lee Snyder. After his father died, Lee




Gloryann and Lee Snyder

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Join us for our Purim Celebration
Saturday Night, March 15

SHUSHAN HUSTLE



You may have seen the recent hit: *American Hustle* – or maybe you missed it....but you don't want to miss **SHUSHAN HUSTLE!**

Evening Services: 7:00 p.m.
Megillah Reading: 8:00 p.m.
Party to follow:
fun mixed drinks, beer, snacks, and dancing
the night away to some of our favorite old time 70's hits.

Make sure to sport your old 70's digs.



Offit Auditorium,
7:00 p.m.
Free admission

The programs are light
and fun for anyone.

We will sell beer and
wine and provide non-
alcoholic beverages
for all.

March 5: Mr. Barry Steelman will offer an entertaining presentation about the 150-year history of the Jewish influence on Major League Baseball, from players and owners to musicians, clowns, a scandal, even a spy and much more. The talk is appropriate for all baseball and Jewish history lovers ages 8 and up. Hot dogs and snacks will be available at 6:30 p.m.

April 2: Rak Shalom Sings. Join this Jewish University of Maryland A Capella group as they rock the house singing a mixture of Hebrew and English songs. Appropriate for all age groups.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Estelle Balachow and Mrs. Barbara Steinhardt on the loss of their beloved husband and father, David Y. Balachow.
 Mrs. Marilyn Blum on the loss of her beloved husband, Stephen L. Blum.
 Mrs. Barbara Feldman on the loss of her father, Albert Rosenstadt.
 Mr. Benjy Green on the loss of his beloved brother, Charles Green.
 Mrs. Irina Goldsmith on the loss of her beloved mother, Anna Parkhomovsky Brusilovsky.
 Mrs. Esther Harris on the loss of her brother, Allan David Cohen.
 Mr. Jerry Herling on the loss of his brother, Irvin Herling.
 Mr. Robert Jacobs on the loss of his beloved father, Marvin Jacobs.
 Mrs. Irene Kasik and Dr. Karen Norman on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Dr. Marvin Mark Kasik.
 Ms. Sharon Krieger and Mr. Jon Krieger on the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother, Helen Sommers.
 Mr. Jamie Lubliner on the loss of his beloved father, Paul Lubliner.
 Mrs. Rosa Marx and Mrs. Debbie Satsky on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Werner L. Marx.
 Mrs. Robin Mindel on the loss of her beloved mother, Frona Myra Fried.
 Mr. Richard Monfred on the loss of his beloved father, Jay Monfred.
 Mrs. June Sacks, Mrs. Jane Rice and Mr. David Sacks on the loss of their beloved husband and father.
 Mr. Hal Schenker, Mrs. Roz Blum and Mrs. Jamie Foohey on the loss of their beloved father, Philip Schenker.
 Dr. Charles Schnee on the loss of his beloved mother, Shirley Schnee.
 The family of Bernard Strumwater.
 Mr. Beverly Sunshine on the loss of her beloved husband, Dr. Ian Sunshine.
 Mr. Elliot Weinstein on the loss of his beloved sister, Myra Mautner.
 Mrs. Deborah Weiss and Mr. Harold Cooper on the loss of their beloved brother, Ronald Cooper.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Herbert Dahne	Stanley Joffe
Jerome Schnydman	Stanley Silverman
Gail Yumkas	Hulane Zolet

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Barr on the birth of their daughter, Jillian Iris Barr; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Art Barr; great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bereson.
 Judge Stuart Berger on his marriage to James Williams; mother is Bernice Berger.
 Mrs. Robin Cohen on the engagement of her son, Andrew Cohen to Hanna Miller and her daughter, Nicole Cohen to Brett Samurin.
 Mr. and Mrs. Brad Foohey on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Sophia Justine Foohey and William Sawyer Foohey.
 Dr. and Mrs. Dan Gincel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Maya Gincel.
 Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Glass on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Renen Kornstein.
 Mr. Rich and Judge Ellen Hollander and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steinhardt on the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Grace Hollander; great grandparents are Mrs. Estelle Balachow and the late David Y. Balachow.
 Dr. and Mrs. Lee Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Brooke Victoria Katz.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kleinman on the engagement of their daughter, Lori to Jacob Fasquharson.
 Mr. and Mrs. David Kuryk on the birth of their granddaughter, Abbey Leanne Kuryk.
 Dr. Richard Levine and Mrs. Monica Bernstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jack David Levine.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lurie on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jillian Lurie.
 Dr. and Mrs. David Reicher on the engagement of their daughter, Shira to Ryan Levy.
 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Rudo on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sara Ashley Rudo.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shillman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eli Ryan Shillman.
 Mr. and Mrs. Erik Sparks on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max Harrison Sparks.

MARCH 2014 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Cyndie and Barry Schlossberg on their 5th
 Stefanie and Brian Penn on their 20th
 Gail Schwartz and Robb Cohen on their 20th
 Susan and Michael Stein on their 20th
 Lori and Jeffrey Ring on their 25th
 Marcia and Richard Roseman on their 35th
 Sharon and Donn Weinberg on their 35th
 Janice and Raymond Altman on their 45th
 Marilyn and Alan Aronson on their 45th
 Benita and Roy Finkelstein on their 45th
 Henia and Stephen Zimmerman on their 45th
 Elaine and Joel Ziman on their 50th
 Ruth and Richard Shalek on their 55th
 Sylvia and Stanford Schneider on their 60th
 Sonia and Nathaniel Sandler on their 65th

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAR MITZVAH
Eli Ryan Shillman, son of Ron and Connie Shillman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah March 8, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Jack David Levine, son of Richard and Monica Levine will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah during Havdallah services March 8, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Sophia Justine Foohey, daughter of Jamie and Brad Foohey will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah March 15, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Will Sawyer Foohey, son of Jamie and Brad Foohey will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah March 15, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Maya Gincel, daughter of Dan and Ayelet Gincel will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah March 22, 2014.



BAR MITZVAH
Max Harrison Sparks, son of Lisa and Erik Sparks will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah March 22, 2014.



BAT MITZVAH
Jillian Emily Lurie, daughter of Lloyd and Debbie Lurie will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah March 29, 2014.

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID Y. BALACHOW
STEPHEN L. BLUM
DR. MARVIN MARK KASIK
WERNER L. MARX
N. STANLEY SACKS
BERNARD STRUMWATER
DR. IAN SUNSHINE

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**.

Healing Service

March 22

**Kreitzer Memorial Room
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

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

Anyone in need of healing or praying for your loved ones is welcome.
We look forward to seeing you there.

HOTLINES

Service Schedules: **410-580-2727**

Congregation Closings & Program Changes: **410-580-5080**

Early Childhood Education Closings & Program Changes: **410-580-5081**

Religious School Closings & Program Changes:
410-580-5082

Beth El Baby



Jack Harry Himelfarb
Born on November 12, 2013

Parents names:
Eden and Adam Himelfarb

Grandparents names:
Lynda Stotsky;
Leslie and Bruce Himelfarb

Great-grandmother: Rita Wolf

Aunt and Uncle:
Mandy and Mason Barish

Please email jpeg images – along with the name of the infant and family members and the infant's birth date – to sandi@bethelbalto.com.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, March 1

Parsha of the Week - Shekalim

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

Sunday, March 2

Rosh Chodesh Adar II-Day 1

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

Monday, March 3

Rosh Chodesh Adar II-Day 2

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

Friday, March 7

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Parsha of the Week – Vayikra

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

Friday, March 14

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:52 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Parsha of the Week – Zachor

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Megillah Reading 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Purim-Megillah Reading

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

Friday, March 21

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

Parsha of the Week – Parah

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:06 p.m.

Saturday, March 29

Parsha of the Week – Hachodesh

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

Mark Your Calendars!

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, April 23

Offit Auditorium, 8:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The unusual weather over the winter months has reduced the number of people getting out to give blood. This year The American Red Cross has had a significant decrease in the amount of blood donated compared to previous years. On Wednesday, April 23 Beth El Congregation will conduct its semi-annual blood drive from 8:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Giving blood gives you a sense of having done something good. We had a significant number of new donors at our last drive and we are looking forward to seeing many more new faces at our next drive. **To be eligible to give blood at our April 23 drive you CANNOT give blood after February 27.** Let's show the Red Cross and the community what Beth El can do. If you have given previously at a Beth El drive you will receive a phone call from a Beth El volunteer to set up an appointment, if you have not previously given and would like to give, please call **Jerry and Sonya Goodman at 410-602-8766 or email sgood18@comcast.net**. I hope to see you on April 23.

Thank you, Jerry Goodman



THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB JUDAIC STUDIES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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

SISTERHOOD MEETING & LUNCHEON

Monday, March 3, 11:30 a.m.

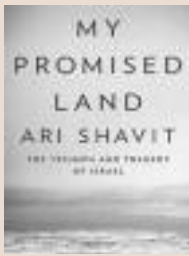


Presenter: **Rebecca Alban Hoffberger**
 Founder and Director of the American Visionary Arts Museum will speak on "The Blessing and Peril of Technology in our Visionary Times"

As a leader in the arts, a philanthropist, an educator and a tireless advocate for the betterment of communities in Maryland and around the world, Rebecca Alban Hoffberger exemplifies vision and creativity in every aspect of her life. See reservation coupon below.

RABBI'S BOOK REVIEW AND PETITE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 19



Rabbi Steven Schwartz will present a book review of **My Promised Land - The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel** by Ari Shavit on Wednesday, March 19 at noon preceded by a "Petite Luncheon." *My Promised Land - The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* is a deeply personal narrative history of the State of Israel by one of the most influential journalists writing about the Middle East today.

As it examines the complexities and contradictions of the Israeli condition, *My Promised Land* asks difficult but important questions: Why did Israel come to be? How did it come to be? Can Israel survive? Culminating with an analysis of the issues and threats that Israel is currently facing, *My Promised Land - The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* uses the defining events of the past to shed new light on the present. The result is a landmark portrait of a small, vibrant country living on the edge, whose identity and presence play a crucial role in today's global political landscape.

Please send your check in the amount of \$12 for the March 19 book review and "Petite Luncheon" to Beth El Sisterhood, c/o Alice Levin, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, 21208, **by March 5**. Mark Book Review on the envelope. If you need more information, call **Alice Levin at 410-484-0934** asl0934@gmail.com or **Sandy Silberman at 410-484-1653** ssilberman7@comcast.net.

BIBLIO

Wednesday, March 12

Biblio welcomes Wilma Blumenthal as the guest reviewer for our Wednesday, March 12, meeting at noon. Wilma has chosen **Skeletons at the Feast** by Chris Bohjalian. There may be two sides to every story, and Wilma will present them both in this memorable book.

Bring your kosher lunch and join us for dessert provided by our hostess, Carol Cummins. Beth El supplies us with tea and coffee. Any questions? Please call **Frida Fraiman at 410-363-6464** ffraiman@comcast.net or **Joan Flaks at 410-486-6246**.

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON
 MARCH 3, 2014, 11:30 a.m.**

Name _____
 Home Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Email _____

If you are not a subscription holder, send a check made out to: Beth El Sisterhood for \$20 c/o Marcia Boonshaft or Esther Harris, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21208. Your check is your receipt.

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

WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO SEAT WALK INS FOR LUNCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM.

SISTERHOOD CLOSING MEETING & LUNCHEON

Monday, May 19, 11:30 a.m.



Presenter: **Edward Polichick**
 Conductor, Pianist, Harpsichordist, Lecturer
 Versatile and critically-acclaimed conductor, Mr. Edward Polichick is the Artistic Director of Concert Artists of Baltimore, an all-professional orchestra and vocal ensemble of eighty musicians which he founded in 1987.

"Polichick is a virtuoso pianist, a solid symphonic conductor, and an expert in choral music, and his versatility is reflected in every program he conducts." — *The Baltimore Sun*
 See reservation coupon below.



BY POPULAR DEMAND,
 UNIQUE BOUTIQUE EXTENDS TO A THIRD DAY

May 4, 5 and 6

The 10th year of Unique Boutique will be held on Sunday, May 4, Monday, May 5, and Tuesday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. At the requests of our successful vendors, we are extending the event to a third day.

Beth El Sisterhood will welcome over 40 vendors who will bring three days of exciting shopping for your spring needs. Many of your favorite vendors are returning, and we are looking forward to welcoming many new vendors with interesting products. They will be selling women's clothing and accessories, pocketbooks, belts, jewelry, gifts for the home, toys, crafts, children's clothing, specialized food items, personalized gifts, stationery and much more.

Enjoy lunch at the Boutique Café either before or after shopping. The Flower Booth will be blooming and blossoming for your spring garden and Mother's Day gifts.

If you know of quality vendors interested in participating in this event, please contact **Sonia Obstler at 410-653-2381** seobstler@gmail.com or **Helen Bronstein at 410-653-5028** helenbronstein@verizon.net.

We look forward to having our Beth El congregants, friends, family and neighbors join us for an exciting 2014 Unique Boutique. Please help us publicize this event.

**SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON
 MAY 19, 2014, 11:30 a.m.**

Name _____
 Home Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Email _____

If you are not a subscription holder, send a check made out to: Beth El Sisterhood for \$20 c/o Marcia Boonshaft or Esther Harris, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21208. Your check is your receipt.

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We regret that we are unable to seat walk-ins for the luncheon. However, all are welcome to attend the program which begins at 1:00 p.m.

RSVP by Thursday, May 8

Nominations for Sisterhood 2014

Presidents:

Marlene Siegel, Bobbie Krosin Selnick

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Judy Rosenberg

Robin Kleiman

Betsy Rosenthal

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Marlene Morrison

Jane Zweig

“KNITZVAH” PROJECT

Many people have enjoyed and love the knit afghans given to them during this cold winter. You can be part of the unique group of knitters by making 10” x 10” squares or donating yarn. It is a great feeling to see the joy on the faces of those receiving the gift from our Sisterhood. If you know someone who would like a warm cozy afghan, or if you are interested in participating in this project, please call **Rhona Sober at 410-653-2782**.

SISTERHOOD ARCHIVES PROJECT CONTINUES

Members of Sisterhood are compiling a history of Beth El Sisterhood. If you have experiences of Sisterhood to share or would like to participate in the Archives Project, contact **Ilene Merenbloom at 410-486-6822 ilene@merenbloom.com** or **Rae Shalowitz at 410-484-7437 rashally@aol.com**.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Sisterhood supports the Total Fund for the Jewish Theological Seminary by offering a beautiful pin depicting Mishapcha, the theme for this year, for a contribution of \$180. For an \$18.00 contribution you will receive six cards of your choice. Please contact **Jane Krosin at 410-484-4218 janiekine@comcast.net** or **Hilda Dopkin at 410-486-4453 hildop@aol.com** for more information or cards.

CALENDAR FOR SISTERHOOD TRIPS 2014

Sunday, March 23, 2014 –The new musical “Beaches” opens at the Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA. Registration is available at the Beth El website (bethelbalto.com) and at the reception desk of the synagogue.

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact **Beverly Penn at 410-486-2667 spenn3@verizon.net** or **Linda Mondell at 410-486-1542 lhmondell@gmail.com**.

**waiting list for these trips.*

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to the following women who are the most recent members to join Sisterhood for 2014:

Sherry Berlin, Linda Boteach, Phyllis Franklin, Sharon Kaufman, Linda Kirschner, Gail Lipsitz, Norma Orman, Edith Querido, Sheryl Reicher, Maureen Wilson.



BETH EL CONGREGATION
1101 Park Heights Avenue at
Baltimore, MD 21208
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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

SQUARE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
8:30 P.M. -
11:00 P.M.

DANCE

CALLER WITH LIVE BAND! DESSERT BUFFET!

Names: _____
Phone #: _____
Amount Enclosed: _____

\$18/MEMBERS
\$20/NON-MEMBERS
\$25/AT DOOR


Your check is your reservation,
please send A/R: Diane Cole



Barbara Green chairwoman of the Judaicia Shop and the shop's volunteers present a check to Sisterhood.

Please join us for a fun-filled musical evening at our Annual

Joint Sisterhood Dinner
Monday, March 31, 2014 6:00 p.m.
Cost - \$25.00 pp
Hosted by **Beth El Congregation**
-Program-
Live from New York Pikesville!



Bob Hallock
Singer, Pianist, Arranger, Actor and Cabaret Performer

(Cut here and return with check)

I would love to attend the Joint Sisterhood Dinner - DEADLINE - Friday, March 21, 2014

Name _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is my check (\$25pp) payable to "**Beth El Sisterhood**" in the amount of \$ _____


If possible, I would like to sit with (limited to 3 people) - (to make our job easier, please be sure that you have each other written down!)

Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____

My special needs are: (Please check, if applicable)
Vegetarian: _____ Diabetic: _____ Allergies: _____

****Please NOTE**** Checks will NOT be accepted at the door. To ensure your seat, please return this form and your check by **Friday, March 21, 2014** to:

Beth El "Joint Sisterhood Dinner"
8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208



IT IS RAELY TRUE



December 2013 sets a record for tourism in Israel ...

According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, over 272,000 tourists visited Israel in December 2013, marking a 14 percent increase from the same period in 2012. Jerusalem was the most visited city by a wide margin of 75%, Tel Aviv-Jaffa came in second with 64%, the Dead Sea third with 51%, Tiberias fourth with 44% and Nazareth came in fifth with 35%. The most visited sites include the Western Wall with 68%, the Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem with 64%, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher with 57%, the Via Dolorosa with 55% and the Mount of Olives with 53%.

Recycling efforts continue to rise ... by kindergarten and school children!

School and kindergarten students recycled a total of NIS 2.76 million worth of plastic and glass beverage containers in 2013, earning NIS 820,000 in bottle deposit cash for their respective institutions.

Jerusalem Post Person of the Year: The Israeli Soldier

After asking readers to vote for who they think was the most influential figure of 2013, and after receiving many nominations from which the top contenders were Nelson Mandela, Edward Snowden, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, the Pope and of course the Israeli soldier, *Jerusalem Post* readers overwhelmingly voted for: The Israeli soldier.

The Israel Affairs Committee presents the 2014 Shabbat Speaker Series



Post-Kiddush Shabbat Speaker Series 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.



March 22, 2014

Is Religious Pluralism Possible in Israel?

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Tzvi Graetz, Executive Director, Masorti Olami and MERCAZ Olami



April 26, 2014

Israel's Changing Collective Identity

Guest Speaker: Fred Lazin, Visiting Scholar, NYU, and Professor Emeritus, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE MASORTI (CONSERVATIVE) JEWS?

A Weekend with Rabbi Tzvi Graetz

Executive Director Masorti Olami • MERCAZ Olami



Born in Israel, Rabbi Tzvi Graetz is a second generation Masorti (Conservative) Jew who has spent his career working to build and promote Israel's Masorti Institutions in order to enhance religious pluralism. Since 2007, he has served as the Executive Director of Masorti Olami and MERCAZ Olami. Before taking up this position, he spent four years as the spiritual leader of Kehilat Shevet Achim in Gilo, Jerusalem and as rabbi of the TALI Gilo School. He has also served as Director of both NOAM and Camp Ramah NOAM, and also spent time in the USA as a shaliach of the Jewish Agency and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Masorti Olami, the World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues, builds, renews and strengthens Jewish life throughout the world, with efforts that focus on existing and developing communities in Europe, Latin America, the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia and Australia.

MERCAZ Olami is the Zionist organization of the world Conservative/ Masorti movement. It promotes and supports Zionist education, programs and aliyah within the movement and works to enhance the quality of Jewish life in Israel.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, March 21 • Sunday, March 23

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, EVENING SERVICES, 6:00 P.M.

Rabbi Graetz will speak on "The Passover Seder: Why we Jews are still around !"

SHABBAT, MARCH 22, MORNING TORAH STUDY CLASS

AGUS LIBRARY, 9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.

"Conservative Judaism from Argentina to Kiev: Building and Enriching Lives"

The Jewish people are spread out over the face of the globe from the Ukraine to Uganda, from Spain to South America, from Germany to Australia, from Israel to South Africa. We encompass a wide variety of differences in language, ethnicity and cultures. This raises a series of questions: How united are we as a people? What elements of our identity do we hold in common? Do they outweigh our differences? What role does Israel play in shaping the identity of world-wide Jewry? What role can Diaspora Jewry play in enriching the identity of Israeli Jews? Join us for the answers to these questions.

SHABBAT, MARCH 22

POST-KIDDUSH SHABBAT SPEAKER SERIES

GORN CHAPEL, 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

"Is Religious Pluralism Possible in Israel?"

The spirit of religious pluralism hardly exists in the State of Israel. Why is this so? What impact does Masorti Judaism have in changing the religious complexion of Israeli society? What role does Diaspora Jewry have to play to bring about tolerance and respect for more liberal religious expressions of Judaism?

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

A CONVERSATION WITH 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS

9:30 A.M.

"U'VE'LE'CH'TE'CHA BA'DE'RE'CH -

Jewish Life in Israel and Around the World"

Rabbi Graetz will discuss Jewish life in Israel and in other parts of the world. The students will get a fresh perspective on world Jewry and learn how it differs from their religious lives here.

The Friday and Saturday events are free and open to the community.

Sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee



CONTRIBUTIONS

ENDOWMENTS

Donations through January 21, 2014

THE ADLER-LEV SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Jennie Himelfarb by Judy and Richard Schlossberg

IN HONOR OF:

The special wedding anniversary of Eva and Robert Slatkin by Judy and Richard Schlossberg

The special birthday of Estelle Silverman by Ellie Ochseld

The special wedding anniversary of Judy and Dick Schlossberg by Eva and Robert Slatkin

IN OBSERVANCE OF YAHRZEIT OF:

THE ADULT CHOIR FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

Herschel Blumberg by June and Stan Sacks
Charles Green by Phyllis and Richard Kline
Edith Goldberg by Phyllis and Richard Kline

IN HONOR OF:

The special wedding anniversary of Gilda and Harold Resnick by Anita and Kenneth Baum

The birthday of Dr. Bert Glaser by Phyllis and Richard Kline

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Passover is less than a month away, beginning on Monday, April 14!

The Beth El Haggadah is now available for purchase at the main office for \$8 each for members and \$10 each for non-members. In addition, a music CD, featuring Cantor Thom King and the Beth El Junior Choir singing traditional Passover songs, is available for \$8 each. You may stop by the main office anytime during normal business hours to purchase a Haggadah or CD.



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The special birthday of Albert Auslander by Irene Snyder
The special birthday of Irwin Epstein by Jamie and Ken Bernstein, Alisa and Michael Rosenbloom and Laurie and Richard Gottlieb, Barbara and Marshall Goldman
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LET IT SNOW – BUT KEEP YOUR RADIO OR COMPUTER NEARBY

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

BETH EL SCHOOL EMERGENCY SNOW PLAN

Weekdays: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood:

• We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by noon for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, weather hotline and WBAL TV and Radio.

Sunday: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Sunday School

• We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 8:00 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website and weather hotline at **410-580-5082**.

Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education Closing Policy

• We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 5:30 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, weather hotline at **410-580-5081** and WBAL TV and Radio.

• We will send an email to all parents by 5:30 a.m. if we are opening late or closing for the day. **NO MESSAGE MEANS WE ARE OPEN.**

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**Beth El website: www.bethelbalto.com
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SENIORS

ZISSEN PESACH

There will be no meeting for Beth El Seniors in April because of the holiday. We wish you all a "Zissen Pesach" and look forward to seeing you at **our regular meeting on Sunday, May 18** at 6:30 p.m. for another fun evening of dinner, entertainment and socialization. The cost for the evening is \$21.00 for members and \$24.00 for guests. In May, our entertainment will be "The Heart of Maryland Chorus." Join us and bring your friends for an entertaining, inexpensive evening: dinner, music, and welcoming friendly company. Who could ask for anything more?

Remember, this is the best deal for your buck: good dinner, good friends and good entertainment. Bring your friends for this enjoyable evening. A stranger is only a friend you've yet to meet. For further information, **call Maxine Kontoff at 410-486-1653 or Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242.**

MEMBERSHIP

Beth El Seniors is always welcoming new members 50 years of age or older to join our active organization. Dues are \$15 per person per year plus dinner and enjoyable entertainment each month at the ridiculously low cost of only \$21 per member. Where else can you go for such a great deal? **Call Martha Glasner at 410-486-7407** for a membership application.

TORAH MAINTENANCE 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 writtn must be flawless.



The slightest tear or smudge will render the Torah unfit for use. The Beth El Torahs are regularly inspected and repaired. This is a costly process. Beth El Seniors is pleased to provide financial support for this entire process. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a process that keeps our sacred scrolls preserved for future generations. Torah Maintenance 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.



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.**



THE RABBI MARK G. LOEB CENTER
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BETH EL CONGREGATION

**AGUS ACADEMY:
RABBI CANTOR'S TOP 10 RABBINIC TEXTS**

Monday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31

Agus Library, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Starting with the Torah and traveling all the way to modern times, Rabbi Cantor will take you on a tour of her favorite Jewish texts and explain why they are so relevant today! We will explore little known characters, challenging ethical dilemmas and the texts that inform how Rabbi Cantor understands her Judaism. Participants will be encouraged to make personal meaning from the texts presented and form their own "top 10" list.

YOURS, MINE AND OURS:

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 30, May 7, 14

Instructors: Rosann Catalano, PhD, Staff Scholar at the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies and the Beth El Rabbis

The Bible overflows with narratives of great characters, some very well known, others buried in obscure texts. In our class this year, we are studying these characters through the lens of their encounter(s) with the divine; defining moments of terror or of ecstasy that redefine their self-understanding, their understanding of God, and the relationship of one to the other.

Fee: Session II – \$100, Beth El Members, \$150, non-members

Fee: \$100

TORAH L'SHMA WITH SANDY WINTERS

Mondays, Agus Library, 9:15 a.m.

Fee: No charge

The name of this class means "learning of its own sake." We will explore a different topic each session from Biblical, rabbinic, and historical texts to more contemporary ones, including recent books of Jewish interest. Since every class is self-contained participants may come whenever they wish.

JEWISH SHORT STORIES

Mondays, March 3, April 7, May 5

Agus Library, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy reading selected short fiction by contemporary Jewish writers of note and participate in a lively group discussion.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS

We continue to enjoy the 1st Wednesday series. The programs are light and fun for anyone. See page one for upcoming series.



**GREAT NEW BOOKS
AT THE AGUS LIBRARY**

My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit. Everyone is talking about this astonishingly frank book about Israel's past and present by a noted historian and Israeli analyst. (Don't miss Rabbi Stephen Schwartz's review on March 19.)

The Attack – a novel by Yasmina Khadra. A surgeon, an Israeli citizen of Bedouin descent, has lived a modern, secular, assimilated life in Tel Aviv until his perfect marriage is rent asunder by his wife's shocking act.

Taking the Stand: My Life in the Law by Alan Dershowitz. Always entertaining, always brash, he leads us from his childhood in an Orthodox Jewish home to his law career handling notorious cases, famous celebrities and important causes.

Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle by Dan Senor and Saul Singer. The authors analyze how tiny Israel became the world's technological leader. They credit two of Israel's least known laws with laying the groundwork for its success.

A Guide for the Perplexed – a novel by Dara Horn. In a tale reminiscent of the biblical story of Joseph and his brothers, the kidnapping of one sister, a software genius, leads her to the works of both Solomon Schechter and Moses Maimonides, the 12th century author of the original "Guide," while the other sister takes over her life and love.

To reserve one of these outstanding books call Barbara Berkowitz at 410-296-8424 barbberk@verizon.net.

AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



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; <http://www.bethelbalto.com/LegacySociety>

And/ or contact **Ailene Sher** at: 410-580-5159, or email: ailene@bethelbalto.com.

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began to get involved with the congregation, leading to his almost daily activities at the morning minyan. Currently, he serves as the Co-Chairman of the Religious Services committee.

Gloryann and Lee expressed their strong feelings for Beth El. They especially like the warm, welcoming and nurturing environment. They feel close to the clergy and appreciate that they are always there for the family on both happy and sad occasions.

Lee noted that Beth El is a big place with many activities going on all of the time, but what sets Beth El apart is the feeling of family and personal connection.

The decision to state their intent to leave a legacy gift was an easy one for the Snyders. They want to make sure that the congregation has the resources to sustain and enhance the best in educational and spiritual programs, services and activities to the entire membership and to the community from generation to generation- L'dor v'dor.

Says Gloryann, "The legacy goes both ways – our legacy is theirs and their legacy is ours. It represents an integral part of our lives and establishes our permanent connection to our congregation – Beth El"

The Legacy Society is a group of donors who have stated their intentions to provide a bequest in their will or estate plan to help fund current and future needs of the congregation. Beth El created a special endowment fund for legacy gifts, which will ensure an annual infusion of funds in perpetuity to help Beth El fulfill its' mission. For information about how you can participate, call Ailene Sher, 410-580-5159.



*From the Pauline Mash School for
Early Childhood Education*

COPPERMINE SUMMER CAMP

New this summer is the Coppermine Fieldhouse program at Beth El. The popular Coppermine Fieldhouse will be directing our nine week summer program. Known for their sports training, Coppermine will offer sports, water play, nature, art, and music in this camp collaboration. All bunks will have an early childhood professional and a Coppermine coach. We are excited about this new summer program. To register, go to <http://www.copperminefieldhouse.com/bethelsummer>.

KINDERGARTEN

Beth El is offering a kindergarten class for the 2014-2015 school year. Small classes, individualized education, state approved curriculum all in a familiar and safe environment that will continue to foster your child's Jewish education. For more information, **contact Ilene Vogelstein at 410-602-2245 or email ilenev@bethelbalto.com**.

SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

Renovations are beginning this summer! The Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education is getting a new entrance. Architectural plans are drawn and permits are in the works. We expect to break ground the first week in June. Come and watch the transformation of our school with this new entrance.

BOOK FAIR

Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education
Book Fair at Barnes and Noble

Sunday, April 6, Kickoff from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Barnes and Noble, Pikesville store in Woodholme

Fundraiser will run from
Sunday, April 6 - Sunday, April 13

When purchasing anything from Barnes and Noble, please use our Book Fair ID number: 11222684
The money will be used towards new books for the preschool.



*Our Toys for Tots Drive was a huge success!
Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make the holidays a little brighter for some less fortunate families. Such a wonderful mitzvah.*

TORAH SPARKS

Shabbat, Schuster Library, 11:00 a.m.

Beth El's Youth Minyan

Learn to lead the Shabbat morning prayers through games, stories, puppets and more! All school aged children are invited to join us!

March 22 • April 26 • May 10

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

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

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

Mark Your Calendar!

March 1 April 5 May 10

**TOT SHABBAT
2013-2014**

Kreitzer Memorial Room, 11:15 a.m.

Bring your tot to a Tot Shabbat service at Beth El to meet new families, to enjoy songs, stories and kiddush afterwards!

Contact **Becky Gordon** at beckybeckybg@gmail.com.

March 1, 8, 22 • April 5, 26 • May 3, 17, 31

Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!



**M&M Shabbat
2013 – 2014**

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

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

**March 7 May 2
April 4 June 6**

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MEN'S CLUB NEWS

In order to more actively involve you, our members, in the workings of the Men's Club, our monthly "Voice" article will recap the previous Board meeting. Please feel free to volunteer your services on the activities which specifically appeal to you. The Board cannot move us forward and make each project/activity successful without YOUR HELP. To volunteer, please contact **Andy Katz at Andy@bethelbalto.com or 410-484-0411.**

Morris Saks is working diligently on the **Men's Club Shabbat scheduled for April 19.** We are still looking for volunteers to help with this huge undertaking. Contact **Morris at MSaks@gsg-cpa.com.**

The Food and Clothing Drive is moving forward under the direction of Max Rozga with Andy Katz providing publicity. Whole Foods Market has donated 300 bags to which we will affix specific information as well as include a shopping list of approved items for collection. The bags will be distributed to congregants through various venues. We will need help on specific "turn in" days to organize the donations for pickup as well as on pickup days. The recipient, St. Vincent de Paul, will provide a truck for pickup.

You should be receiving details of **our next brunch scheduled for March 9.** Our first Paid-Up Members Brunch was in December. Please offer suggestions about our upcoming brunches regarding frequency, cost, speakers, etc.

Following is a list of Men's Club committees and chairmen. Please join a committee so that we grow and provide the best activities for YOU, our members, and the congregation as a whole.

Social Action	Shep Brown & Karl Fleischer
Mitzvah	Mike Heitt & Max Rozga
Publicity	Andy Katz
Membership	Steve Kravet & Jon Krieger
Religious Affairs	Roger McIntosh & Steve Sandbank
Programming	Harry Siegel & Sonny Davis

Our next Board meeting is March 23 in the Board Room at 10:00 a.m.



A reminder that we have decided to suspend collection of clothing at this time. As an alternate we suggest anyone wanting to contribute contact:

- Amvets: 1-800-292-2259
- Goodwill: 410-358-8411
- National Children's Center: 410-536-4205
- Salvation Army: 1-800-SA-TRUCK
- Vietnam Veterans: 1-800-459-8387
- St Jude's Clothing Box: 101 Church Lane, Pikesville (Sudbrook Lane entrance at St. Charles Borromeo Church)
- Hadasah Scene II: Located in the shopping center with Goldberg's Bagels

The Committee will be planning a program for congregants residing at senior living facilities. The need for drivers on Shabbat and appointments for the elderly is ongoing.

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Lunch following the event



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Why not Go GREEN to save the environment and money too?

- **Save energy to save money**

 - Set your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer
 - Turn off lights when you are not in the room
 - Unplug appliances when you're not using them. Or plug appliances into a power strip.
 - Switch to energy efficient lighting
 - Do a HOME ENERGY AUDIT
- **Save water to save money**

 - Take shorter showers and turn down your water heater. This will lower your heating bills too!
 - Make sure you have a faucet aerator on each faucet.
- **Less gas = more money!**

 - Walk, bike or carpool to work.
 - Use public transportation if possible.
 - When purchasing a new vehicle look at fuel efficiency. If you compare a 30 mpg car to a 20 mpg car, the average driver will save \$888 a year!
 - Consider using virtual meeting room instead of having everyone travel from their home office.
- **Eat smart**

 - Buy local produce. This keeps money in the local economy.
 - Brown bag your lunch. The typical U.S. family spends \$4,000 on food outside the home. You will not only save money, you may lose a few pounds too!
- **Skip the bottled water**

 - Use a water filter to purify tap water. Bottled water is expensive and generates large amounts of container waste.
 - Buy reusable water bottles.
- **Keep electronics out of the trash**

 - Donate or recycle
 - Consider selling your electronics on gazelle.com or eBay.

<http://www.americanoptioninsurance.com/go-green-for-march>



Beth El Sisterhood Judaica Shop

GETTING READY FOR PASSOVER?

The First Seder is Monday, April 14, so check your supplies and guest list to determine what's needed for Passover 2014.

Visit the Judaica Gift Shop for fabulous new items!

Come browse our beautiful selection of seder plates, matzah holders and covers, afi komen bags, Elijah and Miriam cups, serving pieces, gift items, and children's seder activities. Remember to shop early for the best selection!

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 **Barbara Green 410-486-4080**



The Judaica Shop is carrying 2014 **Mah Jongg cards** this year! The regular cards are \$8 and the large print cards are \$9. Please contact Barbara Green, barbsg@aol.com or 410.486.4080 to order or for more information.

SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

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

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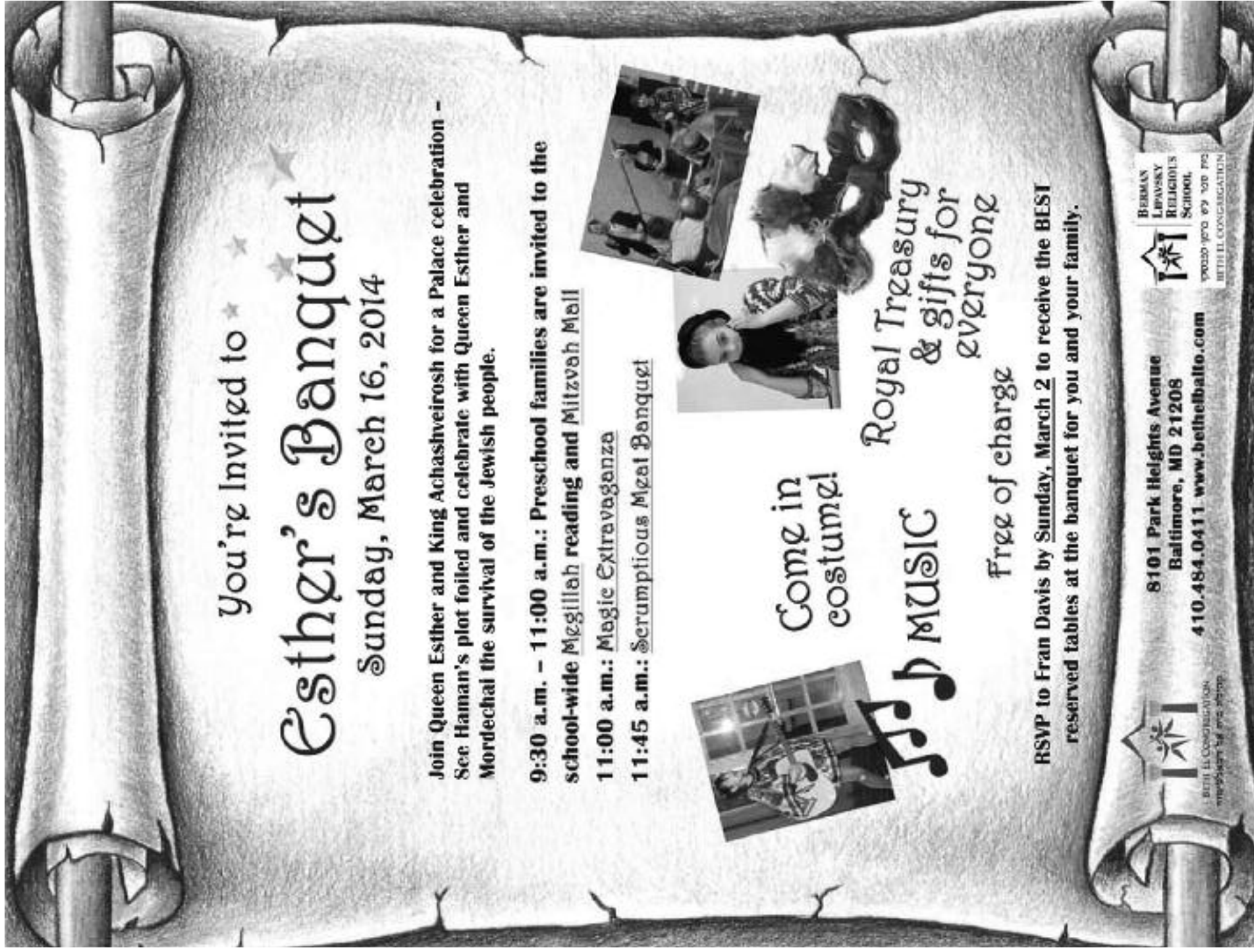
CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER

May 2, 2014

**Evening Services
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Program at 8:00 p.m.**

Stay tuned for more information.

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You're Invited to ★
Esther's Banquet
Sunday, March 16, 2014

**Join Queen Esther and King Achashveirosh for a Palace celebration -
See Haman's plot foiled and celebrate with Queen Esther and
Mordechai the survival of the Jewish people.**


**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: Preschool families are invited to the
school-wide Megillah reading and Mitzvah Mall**

11:00 a.m.: Megie Extravaganza


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