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Come to the Islands for Shabbat!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Join us on Friday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. for the return of our annual Island Shabbat service as we bring the warmth and sunshine of the Caribbean to Baltimore!

Enjoy the sound of the Islands featuring the return of the "Calypso Klezmatiks," the Catonsville High School Steel Band.

A sumptuous tropical themed *oneg* follows the service!

LIVE GREEN, SHOP GREEN, LEARN GREEN

COME TO THE GREEN EXPO AT BETH EL CONGREGATION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2011 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Children's Hands-on, Interactive Activities
Eco-Friendly Shopping (jewelry, clothing, accessories)
Expert Advice from People in the Know

(Bring your unwanted yarn, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones and you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card!)

Meet the businesses and organizations who are working to encourage sustainable living in and near Baltimore:

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| Amy Cohen Travel | Jillybean Designs — handbags made from plastic bags |
| Aquabarrel LLC | Kayam — organic gardening |
| Arbonne — organic, pure, Swiss skin-care | Len Stoler Nissan |
| Baltimore County Recycling | Live Life Organics |
| Baltimore Green Works | Luvs Mommy — sustainable clothing for infants/children |
| Baltimore Humane Society | Maryland League of Conservation Voters |
| Baltimore Water Alliance | Maryland Solar Solutions, Inc. |
| BARK — eco-friendly pet supplies | Miller and Weinstein Bench Jewelers — estate jewelry |
| Baltimore Gas and Electric | Parks and People |
| Chesapeake Bay Foundation | Terra Logos Energy Group |
| Claudia Chappel — redesigned vintage jewelry | The Art of Adornment |
| Eco Babies — cloth diapers and accessories | Vegetarian Resource Group |
| Floors, Etc. — sustainable flooring | Vitex Windows |
| Hord Coplan Macht-sustainable landscaping | Water Beads |
| Innovative Party Planners — eco-friendly party planning | Watson's Garden Center |
| Irvine Nature Center | |
| Janie K Inc — eco-friendly gifts | |

God spoke to Adam: "See my works, how fine and excellent they are! Now all that I created, for you I created. Think upon this, and do not corrupt and desolate my world; for if you corrupt it, there is no one to set it right after you." — Ecclesiastes Rabbah. 7:28

Beth El Congregation is a member of the Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network



HAPPY NEW YEAR TREES!

Many of us don't remember much about *Tu B'Shevat* from when we were little. Many of my memories come from more recent days when I have participated in *Tu B'Shevat seders* and gathered together with friends to enjoy different fruits, nuts and wines while discussing important environmental issues both in Israel and around the world.

While these customs are relatively new, *Tu B'Shevat* itself dates back to the period of the *Mishna* when it was declared to be one of four "new years". There was the new year for the calendar, the new year when the reign of the king was established, the new year when the farmers would offer their animals at the Temple, and then there was *Tu B'Shevat* — the new year for the trees.

In ancient times, *Tu B'Shevat* marked an important date for Jewish farmers in Israel. Since the Torah prohibited the consumption of the fruits of any tree for the first three years of growth and instructed them to give their fourth year of fruits to the priests in the Temple as a gift of gratitude, it was only in the fifth year and onward that the farmers were able to benefit from the fruits of their trees. And so, the rabbis had to devise a practice to mark the birthday of the trees and decided to establish this date as the 15th day of the month of *Shevat* — regardless of when each tree was actually planted.

The date the rabbis chose for *Tu B'Shevat* feels particularly strange in America when the winter is in full swing, snow sometimes covers our grounds and new trees are nowhere to be found. (This year the holiday falls on Thursday, January 20) But the date made sense in Israel for there, the majority of the annual rain has fallen and has typically yielded a healthy soil in which new trees can be planted.

It wasn't until medieval times that the Jewish mystics drew out a spiritual dimension to *Tu B'Shevat*. The mystics compared human beings to fruits and nuts by claiming that just as the fruits and nuts hide within them the potential for growth — so too do human beings — each of us born with a hidden divine spark and potential for growth. Jewish mystics began the custom of eating certain fruits associated with the land of Israel as a symbolic way of releasing these divine sparks.

Today, *Tu B'Shevat* has become a day when Jews around the world have the opportunity to connect with the land of Israel, the environment and the gifts of trees and nature that God has given us. Whether you invite friends over to enjoy some nice wines, have a fancy fruit and nuts dessert with your kids on Monday night, commit yourself to doing one new thing to help the environment or make a contribution to help develop the land of Israel, *Tu B'Shevat* gives us all another moment to recognize just how blessed we truly are and to thank God for all of our blessings!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mr. Theodore DeBois and Mrs. June Jacobs on the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Eileen DeBois;
 Mrs. Marilyn Dreizen and Mr. Howard Dreizen on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Manuel "Manny" Dreizen;
 Mrs. Claudia Eagle on the loss of her beloved husband, Irwin "Irv" Eagle;
 The family of the late Dorothy (Deanie) Ehrlich;
 Mrs. Wendy Elover and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Berman on the loss of their beloved father and step-father, Nathaniel "Nat" F. Kellman;
 Mrs. Ruth Felcher and Mrs. Irene Miller on the loss of their beloved sister, Fay Holzman;
 Mrs. Mindy Fishkind and Mr. Mark Radom on the loss of their beloved father, Sylvan Pleet;
 Dr. Jeffrey Gaber on the loss of his beloved father, Jerome Gaber;
 Mr. Robert Hankin on the loss of his beloved wife, Shirley Hankin;
 Mrs. Patti Rudich on the loss of her beloved father, Lloyd Austin Simon;
 Mr. Alvin Sheer on the loss of his beloved sister, Betty L. Myerberg;
 Mrs. Joy Shillman on the loss of her beloved sister, Hope Kane;
 Mr. Alan Tossman on the loss of his beloved wife, Sandra (Sandy) Tossman;
 Mrs. Sharon Weinberg on the loss of her beloved mother, Rebecca Sachs;
 Mr. Robert Weltchek on the loss of his beloved brother, Gary Weltchek;
 Mr. Daniel Werthamer on the loss of his beloved mother, Nurit Werthamer.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Rhona Sober

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradus on the birth of their granddaughter, Adina Yael Monti;
 Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Chernoff on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Naomi;
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Downing on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Erica; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Satsky;
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fradin on the engagement of her daughter, Michelle Waranch to Matan Ben-Aviv; grandmother is Mrs. Pauline Mash;
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Frieman on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Makenzie Doris; grandmother is Mrs. Mae Frieman;
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Friedman on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Merek; great grandmother is Gertrude Escann;
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lessans on the birth of their grandson, Asher McKee;
 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lurie on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Joshua Andrew;
 Mr. and Mrs. David Lobell on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Hannah Amanda;
 Mrs. Carolyn Shochet on the *Bat Mitzvah* of her granddaughter, Maggie Etty Shochet;
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Steinberg on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Sarah Jayne; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dorenfeld; great grandmother is Mrs. Edith Dorenfeld.

JANUARY SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Pazornik on their 15th
 Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tilles on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbet Kasoff on their 50th
 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Collins on their 50th
 Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kline on their 35th
 Dr. and Mrs. Alan Davis on their 30th
 Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Cohen on their 45th
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hackerman on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Cohen on their 70th
 Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Kalish on their 30th
 Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Resnick on their 40th

FEBRUARY SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barbash on the 60th
 Mr. and Mrs. Homer Berlin on their 70th
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bluefeld on their 70th
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fox on their 60th
 Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldsmith on their 30th
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klein on their 30th
 Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mahr on their 60th
 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rottman on their 40th
 Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Schuster on their 50th



SPONSOR A SHABBAT KIDDUSH

Sponsoring a Beth El *Shabbat Kiddush* is the perfect way to celebrate a birthday, an upcoming wedding or any other *simcha*. Sponsors names are mentioned from the *bimah* when the rabbi does the weekly announcements.

Contact **Diane Cole**, Event Coordinator, at **410-484-0411** or **diane@bethelbalto.com** and she will help you plan your special *Kiddush*.



SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Morning		Evening	
Monday –		Monday –	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Thursday	7:30 p.m.
<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	7:45 a.m.	Friday	6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	10:00 a.m.	Saturday	sundown*
Sunday &		Sunday	5:30 p.m.
Legal Holidays	9:15 a.m.		

*Check website or call 410-580-2727



Beth El Congregation is on Facebook! Become a fan today to get the latest news and see the latest photos from Beth El events.

Beth El Baby



SKYLAR PAIGE ALTMAN
 Born: February 20, 2006
TOBY MARIN ALTMAN
 Born: March 6, 2008
SUMMER LYNN ALTMAN
 Born: May 1, 2010

PARENTS :
 Sherry & Matthew Altman
GRANDPARENTS:
 Janice & Ray Altman

The Voice welcomes photos of Beth El babies wearing their "I'm a Baltimore Beth El Baby" T-shirts. Please e-mail jpeg images – along with the name of the infant and family members and the infant's birth date – to **sandi@bethelbalto.com**.



IN MEMORIAM

EILEEN DEBOIS
MANUEL "MANNY" DREIZEN
IRWIN "IRV" EAGLE
DOROTHY (DEANIE) EHRlich
SHIRLEY HANKIN
MORTON H. POLAND
SANDRA "SANDY" TOSSMAN

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 contact **Sandi Block** at **sandi@bethelbalto.com**.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011

Parsha of the Week – VA'ERA

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 4:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 4:39 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Parsha of the Week – BO

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 4:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 4:46 p.m.
ISLAND SHABBAT 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Parsha of the Week – BESHALLACH

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 4:54 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Parsha of the Week - YITRO

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 5:02 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Parsha of the Week – MISHPATIM

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 5:10 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Parsha of the Week – TERUMAH

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 5:19 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Parsha of the Week – TETZAVEH

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 5:27 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Parsha of the Week – KI TISA

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 5:34 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Parsha of the Week – VAYAKHEL

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 5:45 p.m.

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAT MITZVAH

Sarah Jayne Steinberg, daughter of Amy and Scott Steinberg will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* January 15, 2011.



BAR MITZVAH

Joshua Andrew Lurie, son of Debbie and Lloyd Lurie will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* January 22, 2011.



BAT MITZVAH

Makenzie Doris Frieman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Frieman will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* February 12, 2011.



BAT MITZVAH

Hannah Amanda Lobell, daughter of Katy and David Lobell will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* February 19, 2011.



BAT MITZVAH

Erica Downing, daughter of Lori and Scott Downing will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* February 26, 2011.



BAR MITZVAH

Merek Escann Friedman, son of Ilise and Robert Friedman will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* March 5, 2011.



Thank you for helping us complete another successful blood drive. We collected 73 pints of blood and the Red Cross was very pleased.

Over 100 people came, and I would like to thank all of you, regardless of whether you could donate. I would also like to thank the volunteers who make the drive flow so smoothly. No one had to wait an inordinate amount of time.

Our next drive will be on Wednesday May 11. If you would like to donate blood at our next drive, please do not give blood after March 15.

Giving blood is a Mitzvah; you are giving to help someone else. Thank you all again and I look forward to seeing you in the spring.

— Sonya Goodman

ADULT EDUCATION CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING

You know that this double-issue of the *Voice* finds our Adult Education schedule at full strength. Since there is so much information to convey, I have tried a new format for this article. I hope that you find it helpful. Please continue to share your suggestions with Michael Rubenstein, our Adult Education Committee Chair, any of our tremendous Adult Education committee members, or directly to me. I look forward to seeing you around Beth El for some of our engaging and interesting adult education soon.

B'virkat shalom (in the blessing of peace),
Rabbi David Greenspoon

Lunch & Learn Schedule for January, February, and early March

Each class meeting of our Lunch and Learn program is a self-contained unit. You are free to join in at any time for any class you can make in any series, even if you cannot make them all. Still have questions? Rabbi Greenspoon welcomes your call; 410-484-0411.

Beth El Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, January 5

Dr. Irv Donick, "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Photo-Essay"
12:00-1:00 p.m. Beth El Boardroom

Downtown Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, January 12

Rabbi David Greenspoon, "The Hidden History of the Kaddish"
12:00-1:00 p.m. Fedder and Garten 36 S. Charles St

Towson Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, January 19

Rabbi David Greenspoon, Jewish Demons and Angels: Lilith
12:00-1:30 p.m. Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies, 95 Dulaney Valley Road

Downtown Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, January 26

Rabbi David Greenspoon, "What's Up with Aleinu?"
12:00-1:00 p.m. Fedder and Garten 36 S. Charles St.

Beth El Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, February 2

Yvonne Daniel, "Shanghai Revisited: The Photo Debut"
12:00-1:00 p.m. Beth El Boardroom

Downtown Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, February 9

Rabbi David Greenspoon, "Was the Last Supper a Seder? Absolutely Not—And Why"
12:00-1:00 p.m. Fedder and Garten 36 S. Charles St.

Towson Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, February 16

Rabbi David Greenspoon, Jewish Demons and Angels: Talmudic Voodoo, Amulets, Incantations and other Magic
12:00-1:30 p.m. Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies, 95 Dulaney Valley Road

Downtown Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, February 23

Rabbi Dana Saroken, "Wild Women, Men and Stories From The Torah That They Never Taught In Religious School and How They Can Transform Our Lives"
12:00-1:00 p.m. Fedder and Garten 36 S. Charles St

Beth El Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, March 2

Mr. Mark J. Pelavin, "How High the Wall? Church/State Separation at a Crossroads"
12:00-1:00 p.m. Beth El Boardroom
Mr. Pelavin is the Associate Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and Associate Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.

Jewish Short Stories Discussion Group with Gail Lipsitz

Monday, January 3 and Monday, February 7, from 7:00-7:50 p.m. in the Rabbi Jacob Agus Library.

Rabbi Jacob Agus Academy of Jewish Learning: The Books of Numbers and Deuteronomy

Monday, 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the Rabbi Jacob B. Agus Library
Rabbi Steven Schwartz: January 3, January 10, January 24, January 31

Navigating Your Jewish Journey: Siddur, Prayer, and Music with Cantor Thom King

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rabbi Jacob B. Agus Library
January 5, 12, 19

SPECIAL CLASSES AND EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

The Jewish Denominations: A Symphony in Four Movements

Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 p.m. Rabbi Jacob B. Agus Library
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

Come hear the rich symphony of North American religious Judaism and explore their views about God, Torah, and Israel with some of Baltimore's leading rabbinic voices.

Feb 2 Rabbi Dana Saroken Conservative Judaism
Feb 9 Rabbi Debbie Pine Reform Judaism
Feb 16 Rabbi Geoffrey Basik Reconstructionist Judaism
Feb 23 Rabbi Chaim Landau Orthodox Judaism



Rabbi
Dana Saroken



Rabbi
Debbie Pine



Rabbi
Geoffrey
Basik



Rabbi
Chaim
Landau

Mine, with Yours, Ours? A Jewish/Christian Conversation With Sacred Texts Rosann Catalano and Beth El Rabbis

Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Rabbi Jacob B. Agus Library
Feb 23; Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr 6, 13; May 4, 11, 18, 25

We return for Session II of our fascinating study together. New students are welcome to join us. Our conversation features Rosann Catalano, Ph.D. Roman Catholic Scholar at the Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies, and a rotation of the Beth El rabbis.

Beth El Members	General Community
\$100	\$150

Sushi and Japanese Cooking hands-on class taught by Bracha Shor

The Offit Kitchen Thursday, February 24 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Bracha Shor, owner of Sweet & Good Catering, opens our cooking series with a hands-on class guaranteed to make you rethink the place for Japanese cuisine in your life. Of course, at the end of the evening we will be able to enjoy our efforts!

This year we are offering child care for ages 2 and up that will include a light pizza dinner. The childcare fee is an additional \$7.50/per child, and preregistration is required. We must have a minimum of 5 children in order to offer this service.

This demonstration will be limited to 25 participants. The fee is \$30 for members of Beth El, and \$35 for friends.

The deadline for registering for this demonstration and/or child care is February 15.

Dawvening II with Cantor Thom King: Shaharit for the Gorn Chapel

Sunday, 10:00-10:30 a.m. in the Gorn Chapel
Jan 30; Feb 6, 13, 27; Mar 13

Appropriate both for those who have never led a service or for those who wish to improve their skills. This will be a practical course in the flow and nusah (traditional musical themes) of a Gorn Chapel weekday Shaharit service. Familiarity with the Morning Service and Hebrew reading ability are strongly recommended.

National Jewish Outreach Program Hebrew Reading Crash Course

With Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education of Beth El Schools
Sunday, 10:00-11:15 a.m. at the School Office
Jan 30; Feb 6, 13, 27; Mar 13,

NJOP's most popular program, has already taught more than 214,000 North American Jews to read Hebrew. Designed for Jews with little or no background in Hebrew, the free Hebrew Reading Crash Course concentrates on teaching the Hebrew alphabet, and reading skills.

To register for the NJOP Hebrew Reading Crash Course with Dr. Eyal Bor, please contact Fran Davis, 410-484-4543 or fran@bethelbalto.com.

Ongoing Classes that You Can Join Anytime

Just like our Lunch and Learn, each session of these classes is a self-contained unit. You should feel free to join in for any class you can attend, even if you cannot make them all.

Tales of Midrash and Imagination

Monday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and select Monday evenings 7:00-7:50 p.m. in the Rabbi Jacob B. Agus Library.

Sandy Winters unlocks the wondrous world of Midrash. Please refer to the catalog or the website, or contact Sandy Winters, for specific schedule questions.

Jewish Headline News

Wednesday, 8:45-9:15 a.m., Shapiro Auditorium
Rabbi Greenspoon leads a roundtable breakfast discussion on current events of Jewish interest.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturday, 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Rabbi Jacob B. Agus Library
It's not just Torah study. It's Beth El's Torah study. Come and join the lively and interactive class taught by the Beth El rabbis and Sandy Winters.

For more information about any Adult Education class or congregational program, please contact Rabbi Greenspoon at 410-484-0411 or david@bethelbalto.com

To register for any class, contact Adrienne Millman at 410-484-0411 or Adrienne@bethelbalto.com.



A PILGRIMAGE TRIP TO ISRAEL

JUNE 16-27, 2011

The recent response to the June 2011 trip to Israel with Dr. Eyal Bor and Rabbi Steven Schwartz has been overwhelming. The trip organizers are trying to accommodate everyone who is interested in participating by supplying two buses for the tour.

For information or questions about the trip, please contact **Rabbi Schwartz** at steven@bethelbalto.com or 410-484-0411, or **Dr. Bor** at eyal@bethelbalto.com or 410-484-4543.

CONGRATULATIONS ISRAEL!

Beth El to Present an Exciting Program Honoring the State of Israel for Lifelong Accomplishments!

Our Israel-through-the-Decades Honors program will be the Beth El version of the Kennedy Center Honors. While the latter is an annual award recognizing exemplary lifetime achievement in the performing arts, Beth El's production will be a tribute to the amazing decade-by-decade achievements of the State of Israel. We will explore Israel's history, culture and accomplishments beginning with the 1940s. Join us as we open our eyes and hearts to the panorama of contributions Israel has made to her people, the Diaspora and the world!

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011

Adapted morning performance at Beth El Schools
Full production at 3:00 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium
Free and open to the community

*Event sponsored by Beth El's Israel Affairs Committee
Partially funded by Ma'alot, Taking Steps Towards Increasing Israel Awareness, a Program of the USCJ Israel Commission in Partnership with Nefesh B'Nefesh.*

IT IS RAELY TRUE

- Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world.
- On a per capita basis, Israel has the largest number of biotech start-ups.
- According to industry officials, Israel designed the airline industry's most impenetrable flight security. U.S. officials now look to Israel for advice on how to handle airborne security threats.
- Mighty Morphin Power Rangers was produced by Haim Saban, an Israeli whose family fled persecution in Egypt.



Going To Israel? Connect with our sister city!

Kehillat Netzach Israel, in Baltimore's sister city, Ashkelon, would like to reach out to our members/families while they are in Israel. The Congregation may send care packages and/or extend invitations for *Shabbat* or holidays.
Email **Debbie Caplan** at Debbie@bethelbalto.com for details on this exciting program.



Shalom from Kehillat Netzach Israel.



For the month of January, we are offering 20% off all merchandise, excluding talitot and special orders. Previous purchases are not included. No other discounts apply. Payment must be by cash or check...no credit cards.

January is a good month to have warm, cozy family *Shabbat* dinners. We have a wonderful selection of Kiddush cups, challah covers, knives and cutting boards, and candlesticks to set a beautiful table.

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. - 1:00 p.m.
 Or by appointment, call **Barbara Green 410-486-4080**



The gift shop volunteers pose together.



AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays:
 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.
 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 (Only when classes are in session)

Tuesdays:
 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays:
 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 (Only when classes are in session)

Thursdays:
 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays:
 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
*If times listed are not convenient for you,
 call Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844.*

If you wish to donate books to the Agus Library, please contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844 or Sandy Winters at 410-484-0411. Because of the limited space, please do not bring books to Beth El until you have spoken to one of them.

SISTERHOOD

BIBLIO

Wednesday, February 9

Biblio is happy to have reviewer extraordinaire, Saralaynn Glass. She has selected Greg Mortensen's account of his failed attempt to climb a mountain, his rescue by the tribesman and his promise to aid their children. Read **THREE CUPS OF TEA** and explore the world of a man who works unselfishly to better the lives of others.

Wednesday, March 9

Adrienne Leibovitz, instructor at Notre Dame College, chair of the Scholar-in-Residence Program was unable to give her review in December, so we are fortunate to have her review **THE SOURCE** by James Michner in March. It is the story of Israel from the beginning.

Biblio welcomes all avid readers to join us on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 or March 9, 2011. The meeting begins at 12:00 p.m. in the Kolker Room. Bring your own kosher brown bag dairy lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone is invited.

The schedule for the remainder of 2011 is:

April 6 *Mistress of the Art of Death*,
 by Ariana Franklin
 May 11 *Wolf Hall*, by Hilary Mantel
 June 15 *The Invisible Bridge*, by Julie Orringer,

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY — TORAH FUND

We now have 24 benefactors who have donated \$180.00 to the Jewish Theological Seminary. This is the largest number of benefactors we have had in many years.

Thank all of you for your donations, which have helped us reach our goals. Remember that the Jewish Theological Seminary is where our fabulous Clergy were educated. We have beautiful cards to mark all occasions. With a donation of \$18.00 or more you will receive 6 cards.

For more information contact **Jane Krosin 410-484-1150** or **Hilda Dopkin 410-486-4453**.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in joining Sisterhood, please call **Glenda Chernoff**, Membership Liaison at **410-653-1190**. We love having new members.

SISTERHOOD MEETING

On Monday, **FEBRUARY 7** Sisterhood's general meeting will feature **THE C-STREET BRASS QUINTET**. The wonderful performers are students of the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Offit Auditorium.

THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS OF MARYLAND

The Mid-Winter Conference of the Federation is scheduled for **Thursday, January 6, 2011** (snow date Thursday, January 13, 2011), 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon at Shomrei Emunah, 6221 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21209

The speaker will be Neil Rubin, Editor of the *Baltimore Jewish Times*. He oversees the day-day operations of the award-winning weekly, writes editorials and columns.

Topic: Learn How to Publicize Your Organization or Sisterhood.

For more information call **Harriet Weiner, 410-653-3171**.

BOOK REVIEWS BY OUR RABBIS

There will be two petite luncheon book reviews this year. The first review will be held on **Wednesday, January 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Myers Auditorium. Rabbi Saroken will review the book, **THE GLASS ROOM** by Simon Mawer. On **Wednesday, March 23 at 12:00 p.m.**, Rabbi Schwartz, will review the book, **WHEREVER YOU GO** by Joan Leegant.

The cost of each petite luncheon is \$10.00.

THANK YOU

TO ALL THOSE WHO KNITTED OR DONATED YARN for the Womens Housing Project. The afghans are a big hit with the ladies. Anyone with yarn to donate or anyone who would like to knit or sew contact **Rhona Sober 410-653-2782**.

SAVE THE DATE

Joint Sisterhood Dinner
Monday, April 4 at Adat Chaim.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — SPRING 2011

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BOOKS FOR BALTIMORE CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

Kol Ha K'vod and a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Books for Baltimore Campaign. Due to your efforts, we raised \$1535 and reached our goal of contributing 500 books. Over 13,000 books (for third graders and pre-kindergartners) were presented to the Baltimore City Schools on December 15, 2011 at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism National Convention here in Baltimore. Our thanks also to Women's League for this great Community Service Project.



Karen Falk from the Jewish Museum of Maryland was the featured speaker at the November Sisterhood lunch. Above she poses with Susan Hackerman, Sisterhood President.

I plan to attend the petite luncheon and book review on Wednesday, January 26 at 12:00 p.m.

Name(s) _____
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I plan to attend the petite luncheon and book review on Wednesday, March 23 at 12:00 p.m.

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Please send in coupon to Marlene Siegel or Judy Pachino
c/o Beth El Sisterhood
8101 Park Heights Avenue
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Checks must be in by January 12, 2011.

MONDAY, February 7, 2011 SISTERHOOD MEETING/ Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium

Name _____
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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Send check for \$15.00 to Beth El Sisterhood. Walk-ins are \$17.00.
c/o Linda Mondell or Judy Schwartz
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You must make a reservation and send check for \$15.00 by January 26 or pay \$17.00 at the door.

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday, January 7	M&M Shabbat, 5:15 p.m.
Saturday, January 8	Pajama Havdallah 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 9	Parent Ed 9:30 a.m. Faculty Meeting and Professional Development, 11:40 a.m.
Monday, January 10	Confirmation and Post-Confirmation at 6 p.m.
Friday, January 14	Island Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 15	Tot Shabbat Service, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, January 16	School Closed MLK Weekend
Monday, January 17	School Closed MLK Weekend
Tuesday, January 18	School Tu B'Shvat, Program
Wednesday, January 19	School Tu B'Shvat, Program
Thursday, January 20	Tu B'Shvat
Saturday, January 22	Tot Shabbat Service, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, January 23	Bet Family Program II, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, January 24	Confirmation
Saturday, January 29	Chavurah Parent Ed, 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Family Service, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday, January 30	Green Expo Parent Open House II
Friday, February 4	M&M Shabbat, 5:15 p.m.
Saturday, February 12	Simchat Shabbat, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday, February 13	Parent Ed, 9:30 a.m. Faculty Meeting, 11:40 a.m.
Monday, February 14	Confirmation and Post Confirmation, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 20	Presidents' Weekend School Closed
Monday, February 21	Presidents' Day School Closed
Saturday, February 26	Tot Shabbat, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday, February 27	Gimel Family Program, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, February 28	Confirmation, 6 p.m.

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Please call **Debbie Rabin**, Preschool Director, at **410-602-2245** or **deborah@bethelbalto.com**.

Mitzvah OF THE MONTH

By Jill Eisen

January is the perfect time to start to work on your family garden! It's true! If you plant parsley now, you will have it in time for Passover. You can also start other plants from seeds, and by the time we have warm weather, the plants will be ready to go into your outdoor garden. The vegetables that you harvest will be wholesome not only for your family but you will have plenty to donate to area food kitchens and food banks, **Chesed: Kindness**. For information on how to plant your own vegetable garden and where to donate please go to http://jvcbaltimore.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/jvc_mtvah_onmove.pdf page 29. There will also be information at the Green Expo on Sunday, January 30, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium.

"And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely harvest the corners of your field; and the gleanings of your harvest you shall not gather. And you shall not take the undeveloped grape clusters of your vineyard, nor shall you gather the dropped harvest of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor person and the stranger; I, Hashem, am your G-d."
— *Leviticus 19:9-10*

"By definition, since every human being is made in G-d's image, everyone, every one, every single human being, is valuable. "Usefulness to society" is not a valid criterion. ... G-d chose Moses because Moses cared about every single individual in the flock. In the world of Jewish tradition, no one gets left out."
— **DANNY SIEGEL**

February is the ideal month to do something nice for the elderly in our community, **Hiddur P'nai Zaken: Respect for the Elderly**. Hanukkah was two months ago and Passover is in two months. Our elders often get forgotten. Please consider going to a senior home with gifts made with love. http://jvcbaltimore.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/jvc_mtvah_onmove.pdf Pages 4 - 18 have lots of craft and visiting ideas to do with your family. These are not costly activities but they extend an abundance of love, respect and kindness.

"Rise before the aged and show respect to the elderly."
— *Leviticus 19:32*

"Cast me not off in the time of old age. When my own strength fails, do not forsake me."
— *Psalms 71:9*

"With age comes wisdom, and length of days brings understanding."
— *Job 12:12*

Please contact **Jill Eisen**, jill@bethelbalto.com, with questions and your stories of lending a helping hand. Photos will be considered for publication in *The Voice* and Email Updates!

A BIG WELCOME TO JILLIAN BOOK —
OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hello! My name is Jillian Book, and I am Beth El's new Youth Director! I have spent my whole life at Beth El, I started in Mommy and Me and continued through religious school and confirmation. I spent my first year of college abroad in Israel living in Pardes Hanna-Karkur, Bat Yam (a suburb of Tel Aviv) and Jerusalem right behind The Biblical Zoo! I have also worked for Young Judaea at camps planning activities and programs for children of all ages. When I began working at Beth El in 2008 I would tutor our 3-5th grade students to improve their Hebrew reading for their *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* and now I actually have the honor of teaching *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* Blessings, *Haftorah* and Torah Portions to the 6-8th graders. I also work in the Pre-school briefly in the mornings and I teach at Beth El's Federal Hill Satellite School with the amazing Jill Eisen. I am 21 years old and have a lot of great ideas for our youth programs. Our youth groups have three great groups that I am looking forward to getting to know and would love any feedback or suggestions to make our program even more of a success. I would like to remind parents that their involvement in these programs is especially important. Youth groups provide activities for your children as well as the opportunity to create adventures, arts and crafts, meet new friends and families. Most important, they give children the chance to spend time together, making memories that will last a lifetime and encourage new and old traditions! I look forward to meeting all of the parents and children interested in our youth groups, and persuading all of the other parents and children that are not involved to get involved! *B'Shalom!*

— Jillian Book

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Jewish young adults in Maryland and the District of Columbia invited to apply

The Marilyn and Sigi Ziering Brandeis Collegiate Institute (BCI) is currently accepting applications for its summer 2011 session. BCI is an intensive experience in Jewish learning, culture and community offered to young adults, ages 18 to 26, at their summer camp in Southern California. It is a 26-day exploration of self and Judaism within a safe, pluralistic environment, bringing together young Jews from all over the world with some of our people's most compelling, talented scholars and artists to experience the multifaceted aspects of Jewish life, culture, nature and community.

Apply by the early bird deadline of March 16, 2011 and the cost is only \$250 for domestic participants (\$100 for international) AND BCI will reimburse your airfare! BCI 2011 will take place from June 21 to July 17. For more information and to apply, please see the BCI website, <http://bci.ajula.edu>.

BCI receives ongoing support through a grant from the Melinda Joy Siegel Memorial Fund ("Fund"), a donor-advised fund of THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. The Fund was established in 1986 by Marlene and Hillard Siegel to honor the memory of their daughter, Melinda.

Beth El Seniors invites its members and guests to a **special luncheon meeting on Sunday, February 13** at noon in the Offit Auditorium. Musical entertainment will be provided by Carol Wagenheim, Alto and Beverly Diaz, Soprano. The talented musical duo will provide us with their renditions of popular hit and show tunes. The cost of the luncheon is \$18 for members and \$21 for guests. **Reservations and payments are due by Friday February 4, 2011.** Please mail your checks, seating preference and choice of diet dessert to Beth El Seniors, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208.

Beth El Seniors invites its members and guests to their **March 13 dinner meeting** to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit auditorium. We will be entertained by two of our favorite performers, Vocalist, Shannon Wollman, and Pianist, Doug Lawler. **Reservations and payment are required on or before Friday, March 4, 2011.** Cost is \$18 for members and \$21 for guests. Please indicate your seating preference and choice of a diet dessert on separate sheet of paper. For more information, please call Ed Berkowitz at 410-296-8424. Send your reservations to Beth El Seniors, 8101 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore, MD 21208.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

All persons over 50 are welcome to our group and dues are only \$15 per person. For more information, contact Ed Berkowitz at 410-296-8424, Betty Zlotowitz at 410-484-9840, Jerry Fineblum at 410-653-2631, Shirley Lipman at 410-415-5588 or Pauline Gilden Auslander at 410-764-8011.

TORAH MAINTENANCE FUND

A project of the Beth El Seniors is to support the maintenance and repair of our synagogue's Torahs and *Megillot*. Contributing to a process that pays for caring for these sacred scrolls and preserving them for future generations is a *mitzvah*.

Torah Maintenance Fund cards are available at the Beth El Office or call **Dorothy Fineblum** at **410-653-2631**. Our all-purpose cards are still six for \$10 or \$2 each.



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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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- Create your own unique spice garden
- Make your own sundae
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- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth
- Add a bottle of water to your toilet tank
- Compost food waste rather than putting it down your disposal
- Take shorter showers
- Check for leaks, etc.

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Beth El's SmartBoard, donated by Lanny and Alma Schuster, was recently installed and is now working. The Preschool used it first to view a video that reviewed the letters they learned that week. The SmartBoard, which is located in the Eddy Schuster Memorial Library, is available for use by the Preschool, Religious School and for Congregational programming.

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Thursday, February 3, 8 p.m.

Michael Lewis discusses his best-selling book titled *The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine*, what happened during the global financial crisis and what is being done to prevent a future collapse. Considered a leading journalist, he is the author of such best sellers as *Liar's Poker*, *The New New Thing*, *Moneyball*, *The Blind Side*, and *Home Game*. Ira Glass is host and executive producer of "This American Life" on NPR.

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FAREED ZAKARIA: AFTER IRAQ — CONCLUSIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

ELIOT SPITZER, MODERATOR

Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m.

Fareed Zakaria is host of Fareed Zakaria GPS on CNN, editor at large at *Time*, and a regular columnist for *The Washington Post*. In naming him "one of the 21 most important people of the 21st century," *Esquire* magazine described him as "the most influential foreign policy adviser of his generation." Before joining *Time*, Dr. Zakaria was editor of *Newsweek International*, overseeing all the magazine's editions abroad from 2000 to 2011. He is the author of a national best seller titled *The Post-American World*. Eliot Spitzer is the former New York attorney general and governor of the State of New York. He is currently a contributor to *Slate* and host of the new show Parker/Spitzer on CNN. This lecture is endowed by Bernard and Anne Spitzer.

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Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m.

Howard Gardner is the John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He was selected by *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect* magazines as one of the 100 most influential public intellectuals in the world. The author of 25 books, including, most recently, *Truth, Beauty and Goodness Reframed: Educating for the Virtues in the 21st Century*. David Brooks is an Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times* and an acclaimed author.

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Join us this spring for the Cultural Trips to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. These trips are sponsored by Sisterhood and are open to members of Beth El and Beth El Sisterhood. If there are openings after the initial registration period, members of the community are welcome.

PHILADELPHIA TRIP: TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011



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This trip will give you the opportunity to tour the newly opened National Museum of American Jewish History and to have a docent led tour of Congregation Mikveh Israel, the oldest synagogue in Philadelphia. Since we will be in the historic section of the city, there are numerous eating establishments in the area. Therefore, lunch will be on your own. A list of possible eating locations will be provided.

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP: TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011

On this trip, your morning will be spent at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, which has added new exhibits since our last visit. Leaving downtown Washington, our group will travel to Chevy Chase, MD for a delicious lunch at Maggiano's. Following lunch, we will visit the lovely Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum.



United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Sign up for the trips will begin on February 16, 2011 in the Agus Library at 9:30 a.m. The doors to the library will open at 9:30 a.m. for people signing up for **BOTH** trips only. Sign up for One trip only will begin at 10:30 a.m. You may sign up for yourself and only one other person. Only members of the Congregation and Sisterhood may register on February 16. **Please note the date change of registration and the new registration procedure.**

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Over 200 people attended Beth El's Evening of the Arts on November 13. The evening included 28 local artists, speakers from local museums and a wine and cheese reception. Above attendees browse the local art. The event's committee poses proudly at the start of the event.

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