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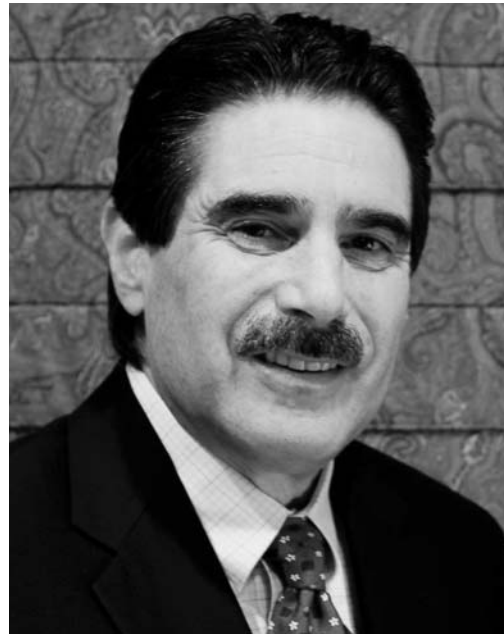
— RAY KAHN

RAPHAEL KAHN TO BE INSTALLED AS CONGREGATION'S TWENTY-SIXTH PRESIDENT

By Mike Leavey

On Sunday, June 7 at the congregation's annual meeting, Raphael Kahn will be installed as Beth El Congregation's 26th president. Ray follows Michael Steinhardt, who was installed for a two-year term in 2007 as president.

“My goals are to continue the programs and efforts that have been established relating to outreach to new families and members. I also want to ensure that we continue excellent programs and events for Beth El's diverse membership.” Ray also indicated his affection and commitment to attending morning *minyans*. “I try to attend a couple mornings each week. I find it a wonderful way to start the day. I would like to see more congregants take advantage of the warmth and camaraderie that is felt at being part of this spe-



cial group of people who demonstrate what Beth El is all about – care, support, warmth, and friendship.”

As a member of Beth El for the past 20 years, Ray, a CPA, first served the congregation on the Budget and Finance Committee. Since then he has chaired that committee and also the Memorial Park, Personnel, and Endowment Committees. He served on both Rabbi Loeb's Retirement Weekend and Rabbi Schwartz's Installation Weekend committees.

Ray added that today's economic climate “is one of the biggest challenges that we need to face in providing, continuing, and expanding existing and new programs.” He is proud of Beth El's clergy and staff who continually raise the bar in providing outstanding and stimulating religious

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BETH EL ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE

October 19 – October 30

Join Rabbi Steven Schwartz, Dr. Eyal Bor and Ailene Sher for a trip to the sacred land of Israel and an unforgettable experience.

For more information, contact **Dr. Eyal Bor** at **410-484-0434** or **eyal@bethelbalto.com**.



LEGACY GRANT AWARDED TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Jill Eisen

Beth El Congregation was recently awarded the Legacy Heritage Innovation Project grant for the third year, becoming only one of five congregations to be chosen. There were a total of 43 congregations in the U.S., Germany, and Israel receiving grants in the upcoming, fourth year of this initiative to support a systemic, *Shabbat* and holiday-centered model of congregational learning and community-building.

Through the Legacy Heritage Innovation Project, The Berman-Lipavsky Religious School has been able to develop a new way of teaching Judaism to the school families. *Chavurah Chadasha* is a program that enriched the spiritual life of the adults and children through *Shabbat* and Holiday celebration, life cycle events, retreats, field trips and religious school in their homes.

The Oberfeld Family commented that *Chavurah Chadasha*, “First and foremost, it has made going to Hebrew School an enjoyable learning activity for my daughter. There is no resistance! Our feeling a part of our synagogue and embracing Judaism in the community and at home has definitely increased. It has given our whole family more of a “Jewish” identity.”

Dr. Eyal Bor added, “I am proud that our congregation and school has been the recipient of this grant for three years. This puts us on the map of cutting edge Jewish education. I commend the *Chavurah Chadasha* families for participating in this new programming that will be emulated in the future by other congregations. Thank you to the clergy for their guidance, support and partnerships in this process. And a special thank you to Jill Eisen and Jess Minnen for their hard work and dedication to bringing this concept to fruition.”

The Berman-Lipavsky Religious School is expanding *Chavurah Chadasha* to Howard County in the fall and accepting new families in the *Chavurah* in Baltimore. To become a part of this unique learning and hands-on experience for the whole family, contact **Jill Eisen**, **jill@bethelbalto** or **410-484-4543**.

Over the next year the *Chavurah* concept will spread throughout the synagogue: playground group for young families, *Shabbat* and Holiday celebrations, study groups, etc. Look for more to come in *The Voice*.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Shirley Akman, Mrs. Anita Steinberg and Mr. Alvin Akman on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Morton Jerome "Jerry" Akman.

Mrs. Annette Bluestein on the loss of her beloved sister, Toby Fives.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger, Ms. Mindy Danels and Judge Stuart Berger on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Melvin Berger.

Mrs. Ronnie Buerger and Mr. Andrew Buerger on the loss of their beloved daughter and sister, Jodie Alter Buerger.

Ms. Mindy Danels and Judge Stuart Berger on the loss of their beloved father, Melvin Berger.

Mr. Mitchell Fishbein on the loss of his beloved father, Leonard Fishbein.

Mrs. Nancy Garfinkel on the loss of her beloved brother, Steven Schlesinger.

The family of the late Sandra Gottsagen.

Mrs. Leslie Katz on the loss of her beloved mother, Estelle Goldman.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mrs. Myra Askin
Mr. Morton Rodbell

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Alter on the birth of their son, Henry Israel.

Mr. Norman Bloom on the birth of his grandson, Zachary Marcus Caldwell.

Mr. Norman Bloom on the birth of his grandson, Samuel Davis Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Buckner on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Seth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Herbst.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Cohen on the engagement of their grandson, Michael Bondroff to Morgan Friedman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Foreman on her 95th birthday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Foreman on the birth of her great-grandson, Benjamin David Gramer.

Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Greenwald on the birth of their grandson, Jackson Sloan Greenwald.

Mrs. Betty Helfman on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Andrea Helfman.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lachow on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Jordana. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bereson.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Penn on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Erin Marni. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Samuel Penn and Ms. Adrienne Greenspun.

Diane Stoler and Barry Stoler on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Garrett. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stoler.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Akman on their 30th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold August on their 55th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Berman on their 20th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brave on their 40th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Chernick on their 30th.
- Mr. and Mrs. James Crystal on their 30th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Dagurt on their 50th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Davidson on their 10th.
- Mr. John DeSantis and Ms. Bonnie Hurwitz on their 20th.
- Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Donick on their 50th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Eisenberg on their 40th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Warren Epstein on their 20th.
- Mr. and Mrs. B. Robert Fellerman on their 45th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fero on their 40th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Forman on their 25th.
- Dr. and Mrs. Ira Garonzik on their 15th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Barry Gendason on their 40th.
- Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Glick on their 35th.
- Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gober on their 45th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenberg on their 45th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greenberg on their 40th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hess on their 30th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hubberman on their 30th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Janofsky on their 25th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jontiff on their 25th.
- Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Kaplan on their 55th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karen on their 40th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koff on their 35th.
- Mr. Thomas Kohn and Dr. Shari Kohn on their 20th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Kolker on their 50th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jon Krieger on their 15th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Barton Lasker on their 45th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Leiner on their 20th.
- Mr. Michael Levitt and Dr. Sabrina Levitt on their 20th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Marc Lipchin on their 45th.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Lobell on their 40th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Darryl London on their 30th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Adam Mensh on their 10th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Offit on their 60th.
- Drs. Ira and Leslie Papel on their 25th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Portnoy on their 50th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mishel Roseman on their 60th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rosenberg on their 25th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scherr on their 55th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Seidel on their 20th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shapiro on their 20th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shpritz on their 30th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ben Silverman on their 25th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Steinberg on their 25th.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Suffel on their 10th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Tiedeman on their 20th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Title on their 25th.
- Mr. and Mrs. August Treff on their 40th.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weisman on their 40th.

IN MEMORIAM

**MORTON JEROME "JERRY" AKMAN
MELVIN BERGER
SANDRA GOTTSAGEN**

We mourn the passing of our member and send sincere condolences to her family.

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

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

*check website or call 410-580-2727

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BETH EL!

Now there are two easy ways to keep in touch with Beth El between issues of *The Voice*! In addition to signing up for *E-Voice*, the complete, online version of *The Voice*, you can also sign up for our bi-weekly family update and visit us online at our new and improved website!

- Our website can still be found at www.bethelbalto.com and now has videos, pictures and a full calendar of events and services, dedicated pages for the schools and all the affiliates and committees and more!
- To sign up for the bi-weekly family update, which will keep you up to date on everything happening at Beth El, send your name and e-mail address to **Dora Smith** at dora@bethelbalto.com.
- To receive *E-Voice* in your inbox each month up to one week before everyone else receives *The Voice* in the mail, send your request to **Dora Smith** at dora@bethelbalto.com. You must indicate if you want to receive both *E-Voice* and *The Voice*.

Beth El Baby



**Tyler David Coughlin
January 13, 2009**

**Parents:
Alix and Mike Coughlin**

**Grandparents:
Phyllis and Jeffrey Cramer**

**Great-grandparents:
Miriam and Irving Jacobson**

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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 29 - SHAVUOT - DAY 1

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:59 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 30 - SHAVUOT - DAY 2

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:04 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Parsha of the Week - NASO

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:08 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Parsha of the Week - BEHAALOTEKHA

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:10 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Parsha of the Week - SHELAH

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:11 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Parsha of the Week - KORAH

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

FRIDAY, JULY 3 (NOTE CHANGE OF MORNING SERVICE TIME)

MORNING SERVICE 9:15 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:11 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Parsha of the Week - HUKKAT-BALAK

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

FRIDAY, JULY 10

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:08 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Parsha of the Week - PINHAS

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

FRIDAY, JULY 17

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:08 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Parsha of the Week - MATTOT-MASE

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

FRIDAY, JULY 24

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:59 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 25 - SHABBAT HAZON

Parsha of the Week - DEVARIM

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:52 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - SHABBAT NAHAMU

Parsha of the Week - VA'ETHANAN

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

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



BAR MITZVAH

Seth Zachary Buckner, son of Laura and Jeffrey Buckner will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* June 20, 2009.



BAT MITZVAH

Jordana Michelle Lachow, daughter of Rachel and Lloyd Lachow will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* June 20, 2009.

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*.

STEINHARDT-BALACHOW FAMILY YOUTH FUND

Michael Steinhardt, who recently completed his term as president of Beth El, has set up a fund in honor of his presidency called the Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund. This fund enables post *bar/bat mitzvah* students to enhance their Jewish identity and to assist them in furthering their Jewish education. It also allows Beth El students to participate in youth programs, camps, and conventions.

Michael said, "The reason I set up this fund was because I thought it was a good way to end my presidency by helping our youth in the congregation that need extra assistance to further their Jewish education."

As president, Steinhardt was part of the transition from the Rabbi Mark Loeb era to the Rabbi Steven Schwartz era. He also was involved in trying to enhance the Beth El community in all aspects of congregational life. He added that he was honored to be a part of many *simchas* like Rabbi Loeb's tribute weekend, Rabbi Schwartz's installation weekend, and the event honoring the late Cantor Saul Hammerman.

"What I will miss most is the day to day interaction between the most amazing clergy, staff, congregants, and volunteers," he continued, "Because we have such a strong Beth El community, I see such a bright future ahead. I will continue to be involved with whatever Beth El wants or needs me to do and I hope that this fund can be the start to a stronger more fulfilling Jewish education for our youth."

The hope of the Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund is for the Beth El youth to develop their leadership skills for the future so they can be a vital asset to Beth El and the Jewish community. The goal of this fund is to inspire our youth to better understand their heritage and embrace their Jewish identity.

Congregants may donate to this fund to further the Jewish education of the youth at Beth El, while also recognizing Past-President Michael Steinhardt for his dedication and commitment to Beth El.

Tisha B'av Services will be held in the Gorn Chapel on Thursday, July 30 at 7:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Scheduling a wedding is never easy. Two families have to be accommodated, a place reserved, a caterer engaged, and, hopefully not least of all, a rabbi and cantor locked in to a specific day and time. Further complicating matters, during the very height of the wedding season, the middle of the summer, Jewish tradition asks us to suspend our holding of weddings for a three week period – the famous “Three Weeks.” Where does this idea come from and what is it all about?

The Three Weeks is a period of sadness on the Jewish calendar that harks back to ancient times. It begins on the 17th day of *Tammuz* (this year the 9th of July on the secular calendar) with a minor fast (from dawn to dusk) and concludes on the 9th of *Av* (July 30th) with a major fast (a full 24 hours, the only such fast on the calendar besides *Yom Kippur*). The specific dates that begin and end the mournful period are associated with historic events, and the days between are observed as days of sadness – hence, traditionally, weddings are not performed. The final 9 days of the period, from the beginning of the month of *Av* to the 9th, are especially mournful. During these days traditional Jews will not eat meat, drink wine, or cut their hair.

The historic events commemorated during the Three Weeks revolve around the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. Tradition tells us that on the 17th of *Tammuz*, the beginning of the period, the walls of ancient Jerusalem were breached by the Babylonian armies in 586 BCE. Three weeks later, on the 9th of *Av*, the destruction of Jerusalem was completed when the Temple itself was burned to the ground. When the second Temple was destroyed in the year 70 CE, tradition ascribes the same date – the 9th of *Av* – as the final date of that calamitous event.

Over time, other tragic events in Jewish history have been associated with this period. The *Mishnah* understands that Moses broke the first set of Tablets after the Sin of the Golden Calf on the 17th of *Tammuz*; similarly, it remembers the 9th of *Av* as the day when the Israelites who left Egypt were told that their generation would not enter the Promised Land. In more recent Jewish history the expulsion of Jews from England in 1290 and Spain in 1492 are both supposed to have happened during the Three Weeks.

As Jews we know from our historic experience that national tragedies do happen. We also understand the importance of remembering those moments, not so that they define us, but rather so that we can learn from them and ensure they do not happen again. By remembering our history we also develop an understanding of where we come from and what sacrifices were made so that we can be where we are today. The Three Weeks comes each summer to give us that opportunity to once again engage in our historical experience and by doing so connect in new ways to our tradition and our people.

This year join us for the *Tisha B'av* evening service, on July 29, in the Gorn Chapel. Each year at this service we gather together as a community to pray and to recall the sad events that the day commemorates through the reading of *Eicha*, the Book of Lamentations. In keeping with tradition we sit on the floor, surrounded by lit candles, as Lamentations is chanted in its plaintive melody. The service is filled with meaning, and it reminds us that even as we recall the sad events of the past, we should determine in our hearts to look forward to the future with hope and faith

YOU QUESTION... THE RABBI ANSWERS.

Have a question on a holiday, a custom, *Shabbat* or anything else related to the *rabbinate*? So please send any questions regarding Judaism or Beth El that you would like him to answer to **Mike Leavey** at mike@bethelbalto.com.

CANTOR'S CORNER

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy”! I hope this column finds all of you planning to have an enjoyable summer. I pray that your fast-paced lives slow down just a bit so you have the time to enjoy the beauty around you, and meaningful friendships. Speaking of meaningful friendships and beauty, I would like to use this column to encourage and inspire any of you who might have a musical inclination to join the Beth El Adult Choir. In past columns, I have spoken about how music and singing enhance peoples’ lives both physically and spiritually. The Beth El Choir is a group ranging from High School students to Seasoned Citizens singing and (as our annual Choir *Purim Shpiel* showed) playing together, and having a fun time in the process. What I wanted to address in this column was some of the perceived barriers and concerns that might make some of you hesitate when contemplating joining our merry band.

Concern # 1- “I don’t speak Hebrew.”

Not to worry! All of the music is transliterated into English, and we go over all the pronunciation at rehearsals. You might also find that some of the words are already familiar from the prayer book. An added benefit of singing in the choir is an enhanced familiarity of the prayers and services.

Concern #2- “I don’t read music very well.”

Although reading music is helpful, it is not at all necessary. In rehearsals, we go over parts and most people find that in singing with the group they learn the music very quickly. If we are working on a more demanding piece, I will sometimes make a recording for choir members to enable them to listen to their specific part at their leisure.

Concern #3- “I don’t have time for all those rehearsals.”

I try to be very sensitive to the many demands people have on their time. We rehearse only once a week (Tuesday evenings) for 1 ½ hours. We keep the rehearsals fairly early in the evenings (7:30-9p.m.) and are very sensitive to weather conditions and holiday schedules.

Concern #4- “I’m not always around for holidays.”

Many of our members are out of town for specific holidays and/or events. We understand these obligations and hope you will sing with us when you are available. Joining the choir is not like serving in the Navy; we want you to enlist, we want you to serve, but we will NOT put you in the brig if you decide to go on shore leave.

I hope this column inspires some of you to take a “leap of faith” and join the Beth El Choir. Every year brings new delights, challenges and surprises. 2009-2010 will be no exception.

B'shira (with song),
Cantor Thom King

New choir members needed.
Want to try your hand at singing in the choir?
Now is the time to join.
Contact Cantor King at Thom@bethelbalto.com
for more information.



If you wish to take out a book from **The Agus Library** between Monday, May 25 and Monday, October 5, contact **Marlene Siegel** at 410-484-1844 for an appointment. The library will resume regular hours the beginning of October.

ADULT EDUCATION CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING

PREVIEW 2009-2010

By Rabbi David Greenspoon, Director of Congregational Programming

The past year has been a wonderful and busy year for Adult Education at Beth El. The guidance of the devoted members of our Adult Education Committee, ably led by Ed Berkowitz, has been extremely helpful in this transition year. The congregation has benefited greatly from the efforts of this dedicated corps of volunteers. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for all their efforts. They created the program and brochure for this year's Adult Education offerings, provided the backbone of our volunteers when we hosted the Board of Rabbis Adult Institute, ran the registration for two fully subscribed and successful cultural trips, served as tireless promoters of our Adult Education program to the larger community, and provided me with valuable guidance to help me integrate into the role of Director of Congregational Programming. The success of this year's Adult Education at Beth El would have been less robust without their commitment and support.

Next year's Adult Education program is defined by an overarching commitment to accessibility. Beth El will not allow the current economic downturn to preclude anyone's participation in our class offerings. Unless we have to pay for an outside instructor or materials, all of our Adult Education classes will be provided without charge for the Beth El community. Congregational programs beyond Adult Education will be offered with an eye to affordability. A primary question in our planning stages for these programs is "Can we find sponsors and partners beyond the congregation?"

So exactly what will be included in next year's Adult Education and Congregational Programming calendar?

For starters, the mainstays of our current program will be back. Our Saturday morning parashah study, Downtown Lunch and Learn, Rabbi Jacob Agus Academy of Jewish Learning, "Guided Tour Through the Beth El Siddur," Mishnah class, Jewish Short Stories course, learning opportunities through BEYOM, and Adult Hebrew Language classes will continue. As I write this article, plans are being finalized to continue our Towson Lunch and Learn program. This month will also bring us the opportunity to select our Live from New York's 92nd Street Y programs for the Fall and early Winter. Also, Beth El will be well represented in the Board of Rabbis Adult Institute faculty; be sure to mark your calendars for the Tuesdays at the end of October and early November.

Beth El Travels to the Heart of Central Europe

**Informational Meeting:
8:00 p.m. Monday, June 8 in the Kolker Room**

In April-May 2010 a Beth El trip will explore the heart of Central Europe and enjoy a special Jewish Heritage tour. The cities of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest all share a deep Continental flair for unique cultural delights and international charms. They also reflect vital and interconnected seats of Jewish life that thrived for nearly a thousand years. Our itinerary is in development with Abrams Travel. We look forward to presenting it formally at our informational meeting on June 8.



So, what will be different next year?

The devoted students of Sandy Winters will again have the opportunity to move in new directions with her. After many years of teaching *Torah Leshma*, Sandy has asked to teach a collection of mini-series on different topics. She has proposed a robust selection of various mini-series classes with a strong focus on Jewish history. She will also be teaching an evening section of classes and is also scheduled to continue teaching a morning Adult Hebrew class.

The Cultural Trips will continue much as before, but with a twist. Sisterhood will be organizing them for the congregation and others with Jewish content will be offered by the congregation. More information will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

Also new next year will be another Lunch and Learn opportunity based at Beth El. We will be inviting significant leaders from the general and Jewish community to share their insights in what we hope will be a "Contemporary Issues Visiting Speakers Series."

A major expansion of Adult Education is scheduled with the addition of classes during the day and in the evening on Wednesdays. In particular, during the course of twenty Wednesday evenings we will be offering an "Essential Judaism" course that will introduce and discuss terms, concepts and values, music and personalities. If you've ever felt that The Agus Academy is too advanced for you, or if you've ever felt lost in a Jewish conversation for the want of a better grasp of essential knowledge, this class might be the one you've been waiting for Beth El to provide.

Another innovative program for next year will be offered in conjunction with Jewish Community Services of Baltimore. We're calling it "Helping Conversations" and will explore three difficult issues that affect many of us: the economy, dealing with aging parents, and the implication of risky behavior within families. Each topic will have three sessions devoted to it. The Helping Conversations program will be held on nine Sunday mornings in the fall.

Beyond this full slate of classes, we have also put a series of themed congregational *Shabbat* dinners on the calendar, three sessions devoted to "Preparing for the High Holy Days," and are seeking to revive the Sundays at Four concerts. Of course there is a full slate of programs and events centered on the liturgical calendar under the auspices of different affiliates and committees within the congregation.

There is more to look forward to as well. If you've ever wanted to explore the Jewish heritage of Central Europe, we are planning a three city trip to Prague, Vienna, and Budapest in the Spring of 2010. Special classes and programs for the entire congregation will be introduced in advance of the trip. I hope that this preview has whetted your appetite for a wonderful year of Jewish Adult Education and congregational programming for next year. Look for the brochure that will be coming to you around the High Holy Days for more complete class descriptions and schedule.

Ray Kahn

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services and programs. He also spoke of the school and its various programs and how they are reflective of a professional, warm, and nurturing atmosphere.

Ray stated that the "challenge of maintaining a vibrant core of active and participating congregants at all ages is something Beth El and many other Congregations are facing. The importance of our clergy, religious services, school excellence, outreach programs, and general programming events are paramount in nurturing and expanding a continuing supportive active group of congregants."

Joining Ray for two-year terms will be: Steven Silverman, first vice president; Jerome Schnydmann, second vice president; Denise Franz, third vice president; Ellen Budish, secretary; Michael Rubenstein, treasurer; and Harold Hackerman, comptroller.

A NEW LOOK FOR UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

For five years Beth El members have enjoyed making purchases at Unique Boutique's two day show in the fall. Organizers of this special event have decided to reschedule Unique Boutique, and instead of having it in the fall of 2009 it will be held in the **Spring of 2010, on Sunday, April 25 and Monday, April 26.**

In order to give our customers the opportunity to shop earlier in the season, we are planning a new event, called a **"Peek at Unique Boutique."** This will be held on **Wednesday, September 9** as a part of the opening paid-up membership dinner for Sisterhood members. Many of your favorite vendors will join us from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm on that date, and you will have the opportunity to shop throughout the evening. This event is open to all your family, friends, and neighbors even if they do not belong to the Beth El Sisterhood.

As of this article the following vendors are looking forward to joining us:

1. Beads by Bonnie - Bonnie Higgs
jewelry, pocketbooks, and accessories
2. Essentials by Iris - Iris Kaufman
women's clothing and accessories
3. Jerusalem Products - Alita Millen
imported Israeli jewelry
4. Simply Fabulous Accessories - Heidi Kagan
fabulous belts for every outfit
5. The Jewelry Lady - Amy Harris
well priced jewelry for everyone on your list
6. Unitee - Tami Mensh
exercise clothes for all your workouts
7. Like Wear - Marcy Burger
jazzy clothing for your young children
8. The Fashionique - Neeta Singh
women's accessories, shawls, and jewelry
9. Debbie Does Jewelry - Debbie Stern
popular moderate priced jewelry
10. Ibhana Creations - Meena Tharmaratnam
women's clothing and accessories
11. Nevr Kno - Marshall Rimerman
designer handbags, watches, and more
12. Kids Stop - Sonia Obstler
special toys for stimulating imagination, learning, and fun for your children

We may add a few more vendors before September 9. Look for more information in the August and September issues of the *Voice*. Enjoy your summer. We look forward to having you join us for a "Peek at Unique Boutique."

TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Sisterhood is sponsoring a trip to Washington, DC on **Tuesday, September 15**. This trip is open to members of the congregation and affiliates. In the morning, you will visit the newly renovated Lincoln Cottage and Visitor's Center. After lunch on your own at Union Station, you will take a walking tour of Jewish Washington led by docent Toba Penny. The cost of the trip is \$60 and checks should be made out to Beth El Sisterhood. If you have any questions, please contact **Marlene Siegel** at **410-484-1844** or **Janet Penn** at **410-484-5702**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOVEABLE FEAST – SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Moveable Feast brings hope and caring to people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-challenging conditions by preparing and delivering nutritious meals and groceries.

Beth El has been involved with this amazing organization for many years. In these challenging economic times, we hope to increase our congregation's commitment to helping



Moveable Feast

Moveable Feast by adding additional dates on the calendar when Beth El volunteers can help prepare and package meals. In the past we have chopped vegetables, cooked vats of spaghetti, hacked chicken wings, heated meals and packaged lunch bags.

This is a great activity for families with teenage children, as well as anyone who enjoys spending a couple of hours chatting and cooking!

The next Beth El day in the Moveable Feast kitchen is Sunday, June 15th.

For more information or to sign-up to participate, please contact **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or **debbie@bethelbalto.com**.

Even if you can't make this but are interested in participating on future dates, let us know.

BETH EL BLOOD DRIVE RESULT

On April 1 Beth El had its semi-annual Blood Drive. Seventy-three pints of blood were collected, from a mix of veteran donors and first timers. The entire day went smoothly thanks to the hard working staff of the Red Cross.

The reason everything ran as well as it did was due to the cooperation of the American Red Cross, the Beth El staff and our blood drive volunteers. Thanks to everyone that participated or helped!

The next drive is on **October 14**. Please remember not to give blood after Tuesday August 18 so you will be able to give at Beth El on our next drive. It could be the first *mitzvah* of the New Year.



Rosalie Buchsbaum rests while donating blood.



**\$ISTERHOOD \$PECIAL \$ALE
BETH EL JUDAICA SHOP**

Beginning May 3 through June 5, the Gift Shop will hold a Super Sale with 25% to 40% off most** items. That special gift you have been thinking about buying will be waiting for you, along with items to help you complete a beautiful *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* table — from *Rosh Hashannah* to *Chanukah* and *Pesach*.

Please visit the shop and help support Sisterhood, the School and our Congregation. We look forward to helping you with your selections.

**There will be no reductions on Talit, Kippot and Mezuzot.

Israel Affairs Committee Wants You!

Perhaps you were educated and inspired by our recent *Kabbalat Shabbat* program: The Ethiopian Journey.

Perhaps you shared a joyous time with friends and family at our *Lag B'Omer* bonfire with music and s'mores.

Perhaps you were moved by our re-enactment of the 1947 UN roll call and 1948 signing of the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel during our 2008 Israel@60 program.

Or perhaps you are planning, or have recently taken, a trip to Israel and would like to feel an ongoing connection with its history, traditions and people.

For many of us, Israel is near and dear to our hearts. Please join our Israel Affairs Committee to help us bring educational, fun and moving programs to our Beth El community during 2009 - 2010. Contact **Hedy From** at **410.486.3488** or **hfrom@earthlink.net**.



GO GREEN!

Make one aspect of your vacation greener:

Opt not to have your hotel linens and towels laundered daily wherever you stay. This will save both water and energy. Think about visiting a low-impact resort like the campgrounds at Maho Bay on St. John's, U.S. Virgin Islands. Or take a kayak eco-tour. Consider, too, that air travel is a huge contributor to greenhouse-gas build up.

Courtesy of www.greeniq.com.



Our sister **Kehillah** in Ashkelon has 53 Soldiers connected to the congregation plus another 10 Lone Soldiers living in apartments in Ashkelon. Above a soldier is given a package, which they receive 3 times a year. In addition to packages, soldiers are invited to **Shabbat Dinners**.

SENIORS

The Beth El Seniors will present its annual **Senior Shabbat Service on Saturday, July 11**. We encourage all Beth El members to attend this annual tribute which will be followed by a *Kiddush* in the Offit Auditorium.

A VARIETY OF MUSIC

Beth El Seniors invites its members and guests to its closing July dinner program to be held on **Sunday, July 12**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit auditorium. Our featured entertainers for the evening will be **Beatrice Gilbert**, Soprano Vocalist and **Jonathan Jensen**, String Musician, both of BSO and Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra fame. The pair will entertain us with various selections including showtunes, light opera, folk music and jazz.

The cost for this event is only \$18 for members and \$21 for guests. Reservations and payments are a must and are due by July 3. Please mail your check and seating preference to Beth El c/o The Seniors, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208.

SENIOR NOTES

The May dinner meeting was held on May 17 featuring entertainment by Julie Hall, Dick Erlanger and Claire Spohn. A good time was had by all. There will be no dinner meeting in June.

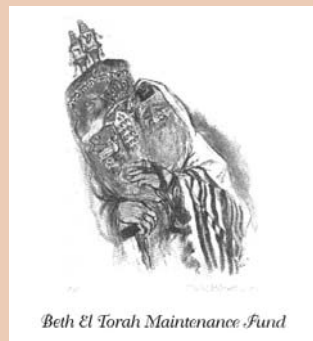
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

All persons over 60 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** 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*. It is a *mitzvah* to contribute to a process that pays for keeping these scrolls inspected, repaired and fit for use.

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.



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

PLANNED GIVING

Leaving a Home

Will Jefferson has resided in his modest home on a four acre lot for many years. He now is age 80 and his IRA distributions continue to increase. In order to create a charitable deduction to offset his increased taxable income, Will Jefferson is contemplating transferring the remainder in his home to charity. With his IRA and other assets, he has substantial liquidity and will not need the value of the home for living expenses.

Will decides to deed the remainder interest in the home to his favorite charity. Based upon his age, he receives a charitable deduction of \$201,930. This deduction is an appreciated-type deduction usable to 30% of adjusted gross income. Over a period of four or five years, this charitable deduction will save \$70,676 in income taxes. The deduction is based on assumed values for the residence of \$50,000 and for the land of \$250,000. While it is unusual for such a modest residence to be on expensive land, Will has lived on that property for many years and the adjoining city has now developed all around his property, thus increasing substantially the value of the land.



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On Sunday, April 19 the Religious School along with the Beth El Brotherhood commemorated Yom Hashoah with programs for both students and parents.



Second through fifth graders listened to Herta Baitch tell her story on how she survived the Holocaust at the age of 7. She still has her suitcase and items that her mother packed for her on that fateful evening.



Bertha Schwarz told her survival story to sixth and seventh graders. Bertha and her family were able to escape to southern France and then later to Switzerland.

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The 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Baum, and the special birthday of Mrs. Anita Baum by Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Rosenstein to The Prayer Book Fund.

The 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kalish by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mitnick to The *Mitzvah* Fund.

The *Bat Mitzvah* of Emily Sara Berman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berman by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lichtenstein to The Sandra and Malcolm Berman Family Scholarship Fund.

The *Bat Mitzvah* of Julia Casey Mann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Mann by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Franz and Family.

The birth of a grandson Aston Samuel Gould to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Setren to The Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

The 75th birthday of Mr. Joseph Cooper by Mrs. Bobbie Lichter to The Harry Lichter *Chesed* Fund.

The special birthday of Mrs. Rosalie Friedmann by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kolker, Dr. Philip Levin and Dr. Marilyn Miller to The *Mitzvah* Fund.

The 70th birthday of Mr. M. Ronald Lipman by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Napora to The Prayer Book Fund.

The very special birthday of Dr. Howard Ratain by Mrs. Rosalie Sellman to The Youth Education Fund.

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blum by Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Siegel to The *Mitzvah* Fund.

Dr. Edward Berkowitz on being named Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year by Ms. Phyllis Neuman to The H. Allan Lipsitz Endowed Adult Education Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Goodman on the occasion of *Pesach* by Mrs. Fran Richman to The Sonya and Jerome Goodman Adult Hebrew Reading Fund.

Mrs. Pearl Imber on the occasion of *Pesach* by Mrs. Fran Richman to The Sonya and Jerome Goodman Adult Hebrew Reading Fund.

Her nephew Jake Levin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Levin, for his early acceptance to Johns Hopkins University by Mrs. Beatrice Siegel to The Dr. Harry and Zelda Levin Faculty Development Fund.

Jacob Harry Levin for winning the State-Wide Chess Championship and his early acceptance to Johns Hopkins by his parents, Dr and Mrs. Roger Levin to The Dr. Harry and Zelda Levin Faculty Development Fund.

The 2009 Adult *Bat Mitzvah* by The Adult *Bat Mitzvah* Class to The H. Allan Lipsitz Endowed Adult Education Fund.

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Mrs. Tammy Kellner by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dickman to The *Mitzvah* Fund.

Mrs. Tammy Kellner by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hecht to The Youth Education Fund.

Ms. Lisa Kornstein by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shapiro the Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

Mr. Sidney Millman by Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Handelman to The Prayer Book Fund.

Mrs. Marcia Yumkas by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Elkin and Family to The Harry Lichter *Chesed* Fund.

Mrs. Marcia Yumkas by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steinhardt to The Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

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Beloved relatives by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Levin to The *Yahrzeit* Fund.

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Dr. Joseph S. Blum by Mrs. Edith Blum to The *Yahrzeit* Fund.

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Hyman Carpman by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glass to The *Yahrzeit* Fund.

Joan Carpman by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glass to The *Yahrzeit* Fund.

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Marvin J. Foxman by Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Caplan to The Daniel W. Caplan Pre-School Media Resource Fund.

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Nettye P. Gould by Mr. David P. Gould to The Ray S. and Nettye P. Gould Scholarship Fund.

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Morris B. Hack by Mrs. Dorothy Hack to The *Yahrzeit* Fund.

Belle Hammerman by Ms. Caroline Goldsmith to The Eyal Bor Educational Assistance Fund.

Herman Hammerman by Ms. Caroline Goldsmith to The Eyal Bor Educational Assistance Fund.

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Irving Pritzker by Mrs. Martha Pritzker to The *Yahrzeit* Fund.

Charles Richman by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kline to The *Yahrzeit* Fund.

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The *aliyah* they recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Siegel to The Ricky Siegel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The generosity shown by Cantor Thom King to her "Canadian cousin" by Mrs. June Sacks to The Adult Choir Fund.

The kindness, comfort and help given by Rabbi Dana Saroken, at the time of the death of Albert Grant by Mr. Samuel M. Grant and Family to The Marilyn and Gary Berman Family Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

The kindness given her by Rabbi Dana Saroken during her recent hospitalization by Mrs. Nancy B. Gertner to The Marilyn and Gary Berman Family Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

The kindness extended to her by Rabbi Steven Schwartz during her recent hospitalization by Mrs. Nancy B. Gertner to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

The visit by Rabbi Steven Schwartz to the Shiva house for their beloved Albert Grant by Mr. Samuel M. Grant and Family to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

The wonderful article in *The Voice* by Mrs. Merle Setren, about the Legacy Society by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steinhardt to The Steinhardt-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

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The kindness of The Dorenfeld Family by Mr. and Mrs. Manny Steinberg and Ms. Roz Steinberg to The Sylvan Dorenfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund.

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Their beloved parents and grandparents Ann and Edward "Eddie" Offit by Bernice Berger, Barbara Lichtenberg, children and grandchildren, a Filigree *Havdallah* Set.

IN HONOR OF:

The *B'not Mitzvah* of their daughters, Hillary Rose, Laney Frances and Julia Casey by Susan and Charles Mann, an Israeli Silver Oil Lamp.

500 PAIRS OF SHOES COLLECTED SO FAR

Thank you to all who have donated shoes. We have a system in place where the shoes will be picked-up every two weeks. The sixth and seventh grades sort, rubber band and place the shoes in sturdy bags on the opposite week of the pick-up. This is an **on-going project** of Beth El Congregation. Please drop off your shoes behind the building by the double glass doors on the right side of the Pre-School parking lot. You will see a tan and green container.

Just by cleaning out your closet of old shoes you can: 1) save the planet by reducing landfill waste, 2) create jobs worldwide through the distribution of shoes, and 3) provide good affordable shoes to lower income countries throughout the world!

Call **Fran Davis** in the School Office with questions, **410-484-4543**.

2009-2010 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS

SAVE \$50/CHILD

The Berman-Lipavsky Religious School has Sunday classes for 3 and 4 year olds, Kindergarten and First Graders.

There is two day per week Religious School for Second – Seventh graders. And we have Confirmation and Post-Confirmation bi-monthly on either Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. If you return the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School application and payment in full by Friday, June 5, a \$50/child discount will be applied to your account. A late fee of \$50/child will be assessed if registered after Friday, August 21, 2009.

Please contact **Dr. Bor** for financial assistance, **410-484-4543** or **eyal@bethelbalto.com**.

Application form can be downloaded from our website: **www.bethelbalto.com**.

ENROLL NOW FOR FALL 2009-2010 PRE-SCHOOL, MOMMY & ME, PRE-K, & KINDERGARTEN

- Flexible Schedule Options for Children 2 - 5
- Part-time, full-time and extended day options available
- The children enjoy in-house computer classes, our new music program and physical education "Active Kids" gym classes, Hebrew language classes, Torah Stories, pre-Shabbat celebrations, arts and crafts, science, cooking, beginning reading and number skills, outside play on our 2 playgrounds, Kosher snacks, children's active games, library, field trips, and much more.
- Fall and spring mommy and me classes for 18-24 month olds and parent, grandparent, caregiver.

Please call **Ellen Marks**, Early Childhood Director, for applications, more information, or to arrange for a personal tour of our secured facility at **410-602-2245** or **ellenm@bethelbalto.com**.

TOT SHABBAT IS HAPPENING

Bring your baby, toddler or preschooler to a Tot *Shabbat* service at Beth El to meet new families, and enjoy songs, stories and snacks! Services take place in the Krietzler Memorial Room and begin at 11:15 am.

Saturday, June 13 (2's Honored)
Saturday, June 20

INFANT & TODDLER CARE AT BETH EL IS GROWING!

- Programs for infants and toddlers from 3 to 24 months
- Offering full time care Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm

Contact **Ellen Marks**, program coordinator, at **410-580-2723** or **ellenm@bethelbalto.com** for more information and to arrange a tour of our infant and toddler area.

Dear Congregants,

We are writing to inform you of exciting changes taking place in Beth El's Preschool, Infant/Toddler, and *B'nai Mitzvah* departments. After nineteen years of service as the Director of our Preschool, Ellen Marks has recently agreed to take on the role of Director of our new and growing Infant/Toddler program. With Ellen's leadership, we are confident that our Infant/Toddler program will soar to new heights. Ellen has agreed to apply her organizational prowess and energy to assist Art Wien as the Administrative Director of the *B'nai Mitzvah* program. A committee comprised of parents, lay leaders, and Beth El staff will be conducting a national search for a new Director of the Preschool. We will keep you informed as our search moves forward.

As a gesture of our appreciation for Ellen and for her many years of exemplary and devoted service to our Preschool, we will be honoring her at a school-wide celebration to be held before the school year comes to a close.

Ellen's achievements throughout the years are too numerous to list here, but the following only hint at her accomplishments: Ellen initiated and began our Infant/Toddler program and began our Mommy & Me program. She extended the hours of our Preschool to include early drop-off and late-stay, and developed our ten-week Summer Camp. Ellen also expanded the scope of programming in our Preschool, developed our Preschool curriculum, and integrated computers into our classrooms. For these reasons and many others, we are grateful that Beth El will continue to benefit from Ellen's experience, creativity, perseverance, and knowledge. We are looking forward to the journey that awaits us all.

Sincerely,
Eyal Bor, Ph.D.
Director of Education

Rabbi Steven Schwartz
Senior Rabbi



Ellen Marks

JOIN THE SUMMER FUN AT BETH EL CAMP!

Right now is a great time to think about Beth El's Summer Program! The program begins right after school ends and after *Shavuot* on **Monday, June 15 – Friday, August 21** ... that's 10 Fun-Filled Weeks for your camper! Our program and schedule are very flexible...choose 3, 4, or 5 days from Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for campers who are 2 - 6 years old. The tiny 2's can join us 3, 4, or 5 days from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Before camp care begins at 7:00 a.m. Monday-Friday, and after camp care continues until 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Your child will enjoy a wonderful summer on our 2 outside play areas, become computer literate, thrill to in-house entertainment, explore the scientific world, celebrate *Shabbat* in camp, sing some favorite songs, "work out" with the group in gym, create new arts and crafts projects, bake and cook delicious snacks, or just "hang out with the gang" in our completely air conditioned facility.

Please call **Ellen Marks** at **410-602-2245** or email **ellenm@bethelbalto.com** for more information, for applications, and to arrange for a tour of our awesome school! Don't forget to "check us out" at **www.bethelbalto.com**! Please remember that we welcome our pre-school aged friends from other schools and are happy to group them together with their friends for the summer. We are looking forward to sharing this very "cool" summer with your little one at Beth El!

**New! Summer Mommy & Me, 10 weeks,
Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Beth El's Playground Chavurah



Enjoy meeting up on the playgrounds of Baltimore and playing with your young children and other families with young children.

The new Beth El Playground *Chavurah* is a group for parents with children preschool age or younger that meets the first Sunday of each month at different playgrounds around Baltimore. Join us for some fun outside, to meet some new people and enjoy the playgrounds around the city.

Dates and Locations:

Sunday, June 7 @ JCC Owings Mills Biblical Playground
Sunday, July 12 @ Oregon Ridge Playground
Sunday, August 2 @ Irvine Nature Center

BETH EL LIGHTS IN THE NEWS

JOAN GRAYSON COHEN

By Michael Leavey

Joan Grayson Cohen has been an involved member of Beth El for twenty-two years. For the past sixteen years, she has also served the Jewish community at large through her work at Jewish Community Services. This spring, in recognition of her work, Joan received the 2009 Daniel Thurstz Distinguished Service Award in Jewish Communal Service from the Darrell D. Friedman Institute. The award is given to a Jewish communal professional who exhibits leadership and exemplary professional skills.

Joan was nominated for the award by her supervisor, Karen Nettler, for her work as the Senior Manager for Access Services and for the years at Jewish Community Services (JCS). Jewish Community Services is the comprehensive human services organization serving the greater Baltimore area. An agency of THE ASSOCIATED, JCS was launched on July 1, 2008, through the consolidation of Jewish Family Services, Jewish Big Brother Big Sister League, Jewish Addiction Services, and Jewish Vocational Service.

Joan manages Access Services at JCS which consists of triage, intake, outreach to teens, consultation services for schools and camps, and support groups. One of Joan's award-winning programs is JOIN for Teens, which is a collaboration of JCS and the JCC. Through their Mitchell David Teen Center Jewish teens from all parts of the Baltimore Jewish community, Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and unaffiliated, can interact and play ping pong or pool, use

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the computers, and just hang out together. The Center holds social events, including Band nights where teens raise money to give to charities. This project has improved the lives of teens in our community for close to a decade. In addition, Joan works with community agencies, congregations, such as Beth El, and organizations to set up programming that meets their needs.

Joan is particularly proud of her partnership with Beth El. Beth El has collaborated with JCS professionals for many years to provide workshops for the synagogue and religious school and provide school consultation on-site at the pre-school. The school consultant works with teachers on complex issues to assist students and their families and provides in-service training for the teachers. Joan comments, "Beth El is a good partner and great to work with."

It is no surprise that Joan feels so fond of Beth El. She currently sits on the Beth El Board and in the past she served as president of the Young Couples Club. Her three daughters grew up in the Beth El Community attending the pre-school and religious school including post-confirmation.

While modest about her award, Joan appreciates the great advantages of working in the Jewish community. She explains, "I was raised in a Jewish home but have learned so much by working in the Jewish community and it has truly shaped my life. Every day is a wonderful experience."

The Voice welcomes the opportunity to feature Beth El members who are giving back to the community, achieving major professional accomplishments or experiencing life-cycle happenings. Please send suggestions to Mike Leavey at mike@bethelbalto.com.



BETH EL Memorial Park

The Beth El Memorial Park has served the needs of the Beth El Congregation and the entire Baltimore Jewish Community for more than two generations. A "Makom Kodesh" (a "holy place"), it is a beautifully maintained cemetery of more than 15 acres, located at 9700 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD.

Established in accordance with the spirit and letter of Jewish tradition, all graves are of equal size, maintaining the ideals of dignity and equality before God and mankind.

Our Memorial Park has nine landscaped gardens; one garden is set aside for inter-married families. The beautiful outdoor Tony Weil Mandel Memorial Chapel is located on the grounds for the convenience of visitors. We are open during daytime hours except for the Sabbath and Jewish holy days.

Many families choose to purchase lots well in advance of their time of need. This relieves families of an added burden during an emotionally stressful time. Individual or family plots may be purchased with convenient payment plans. Please contact Debbie Caplan at 410-484-0411 or debbie@bethelbalto.com for more information.

If you are interested in serving on the Beth El Memorial Park Committee, please contact Steve Silverman at SDSilverma@aol.com.

Laurie Luskin is Associated. Are you?

By Melinda Greenberg

Laurie Luskin first fell in love with Israel on a 2004 family mission with THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. While there, with her husband, Kevin, and his daughter, Madison, she marveled at the ingenuity of Israeli society and the incredible accomplishments of this small nation.

She also came away even more passionate about the philosophy which includes her involvement at home: "If I have the means and the time, it is imperative that I help my own community and my fellow Jews. There is no one else who will step in to help if we don't."

Since that mission, Laurie has found a variety of ways to give back. As a participant in a one-year leadership development program through the Baltimore Jewish Council, an agency of THE ASSOCIATED, she learned about the system of local agencies supported by THE ASSOCIATED's annual campaign and the vital services they provide in our community. She was also invited to serve on THE ASSOCIATED's board and has been a member since that time.



Laurie Luskin

After volunteering her time through Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC), Laurie became vice chair of the program which matches members of our community with hands-on volunteer projects. She served as chair of JVC for two years. "Volunteering is a way that anyone can be involved," said Laurie, who became a bat mitzvah at Beth El and is a long-time member. "Not everyone has the money to be able to help, but most people have time they can give. And there is nothing like that one-on-one time spent volunteering, knowing that you made a difference, even for a moment, in someone else's life."

Laurie becomes vice chair of the Women's Department Annual Campaign on July 1, with Alyson Meister, also a Beth El member, as chair. Laurie will be chair of the campaign in 2010 and will also chair a family mission for THE ASSOCIATED in December 2010. Laurie's goal for these upcoming roles is simple: "I want to spread the passion," she said. "I would love to engage more people to contribute financially and physically in support of our community."

To learn about getting involved with THE ASSOCIATED, contact Melinda Greenberg at 410-369-9289 or mgreenberg@associated.org.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS NOW AVAILABLE!

Summer may have just arrived, but, believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about the High Holidays! Whether you are a Beth El member looking to purchase or change seats this year or a non-member looking to join the Beth El family, please contact Executive Director **Gil Kleiner** at gil@bethelbalto.com.

If you are between the ages of 21-39 and have not yet taken advantage of our special Young Adults High Holiday Offer, please contact **Debbie Caplan** at debbie@bethelbalto.com to inquire about these discounted tickets.

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M&M SHABBAT

Friday, June 5

Every month, our rabbis and cantor lead a special M&Ms service for our "munchkins and *mishpachas* – our little one's and their families". The service takes place from 5:15-5:45 and is filled with incredible spirit, happiness and love. This past *Shabbat* we had 115 people there to celebrate with us and our community is building each month. The service includes singing, prayer, dancing, celebration and a special sweet treat at our *Kiddush* that follows.



Dated Material
 Please Deliver by June 1

BETH EL HOTLINE NUMBERS

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

Weather Hotline: **410-580-2720**

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

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Over 150 early birds awoke on April 8 to be at a 6:30 a.m. service for the *Birkat Ha-Chama*. Every 28 years, when the sun is in the same position as it was during creation, we recite this prayer. The half hour service, led by Rabbi Schwartz, Cantor King and the choir ended with a joyful singing of the Beatle's tune "Here Comes The Sun."



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

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

Please invite them to events they might find of interest, and please contact **Debbie Caplan** in the Outreach Office at **410-484-0411** or debbie@bethelbalto.com so she can call and invite them to Beth El.