

# VOICE

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## Ilene Vogelstein to Direct Preschool

This March Beth El Congregation welcomed Ilene Vogelstein. Her title is Interim Preschool Director of the Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education. Ilene's job is to ensure there is a smooth transition from the current director to the new director, to continue to support the teachers in their efforts to provide excellent educational experiences for the children, and to further foster the relationships between the families and the Beth El Congregation.

Ilene could not be more qualified for the position. Prior to working at Beth El, Ilene was the founding Director of the Early Childhood Department for CAJE-Coalition for the Advancement in Jewish Education and a consultant for JECEI-Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative, both of which are national organizations. Her position at CAJE and at JECEI afforded her the opportunity to learn about the best pedagogic practices in early childhood education, the best methodologies for creating environments that support families and incorporate Jewish values.

Ilene's education is just as impressive as her past experience. Ilene has a MS in Speech Pathology from the College of Notre Dame and an MA in Organizational

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## "A VERY SPECIAL CONGREGATION"

By Ray Kahn, President

It is hard to believe that my two year term as President is coming to an end. Looking back I am very proud of the many accomplishments that have taken place not because of me, but because of the wonderful individuals who make up a support team. These individuals include my fellow officers, an outstanding core of volunteer congregants, a professional staff that always tries to give one hundred percent to our Congregation, and our clergy who are second to none anywhere.

To say that the last two years were challenging would be an understatement at the least. We had to deal with an economy that had and continues to have a material impact on our budget and the ongoing needs of many of our congregants who have been impacted by that economy. It is a testimony to who we are as to how our Congregation performed in financially assisting those congregants who needed assistance. We as a Congregation became more



important in providing services and assistance to those in need. To complicate the demands of the economy on our budget we had to overcome some major unbudgeted expenses including the replacement of the roofs on all of our buildings at a cost of \$520,000.

The darkness of all of those challenges was brightened by the generosity and kindness of our congregants who continued to break records in giving to our Annual Appeal. This year's Appeal hit and surpassed our target goal of \$420,000. These

accomplishments define what makes Beth El so very special. Because of our congregants generosity we were able to continue to provide outstanding programming and services.

I am proud of the growth in our Legacy Society. The Legacy Society started four years ago. It is made up of congregants who using estate and gift planning have provided a bequest to Beth El in their estates. Their

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## "THE SONIA BAUM BOARDROOM"

By Amanda Freed,  
Communications Coordinator

The boardroom located in the Stoler Administrative Wing on the second floor is soon to be known as, "The Sonia Baum Boardroom," thanks to Mr. Jerry Baum, a retired electrical contractor. Jerry made such a kindhearted gift in loving memory of his late wife, Sonia, or as friends and family called her, "Sunny."

Sonia "...brightened the room," explained Jerry, "She was an extremely good wife, as well as, an amazing mother." As a stay-at-home mom, she loved golf, taking trips to Florida, and playing cards. Her daughter, Susan, describes her mother as being "...very sociable." She was a passionate cook and her favorite time of year was the Jewish holidays. Sonia thoroughly

enjoyed being with family and welcoming guests into her home. Susan said her mother's mantra was always, "The more the merrier."

The loving couple, happily married for 67 years, resided in the Pikesville area along with their two children, where the family still lives today. Sonia and Jerry have been natives to Baltimore their entire lives and chose Beth El Congregation as their synagogue back in 1965.

You can catch Jerry, his daughter, and son every Friday evening and Saturday morning at Beth El. When asked what their favorite part of Beth El is, both Susan and Jerry replied, "...the rabbis." The family of three looks forward to synagogue every weekend. Steven, the Baum's son, absolutely adores Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Schwartz most certainly adores the

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"THE FAMILY'S DEVOTION TO SUNNY DURING HER LIFE BROUGHT A GREAT DEAL OF MEANING TO HER."

— RABBI SCHWARTZ

From left to right, Steven Baum, Jerome Baum, and Susan Baum.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

The family of the late Dr. Bernice Hirschhorn Cohen;  
 Mrs. Susan Cohen on the loss of her beloved mother,  
 Gertrude Hayman Keller;  
 Mrs. Helaine Meyers on the loss of her beloved mother,  
 Anna Blackman;  
 Mr. Karl Mindel on the loss of his beloved father Melvin  
 Mindel;  
 Mr. Brian Needel and Mr. Louis Glick on the loss of  
 their beloved mother and sister, Shirley Needel;  
 Mrs. Rita Silver on the loss of her beloved brother  
 Hugo Goldberger;  
 Mrs. Ranny Smullian on the loss of her beloved mother,  
 Jeanette Miller.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:**

Ruth Denick  
 Arthur Diamand  
 Larry Pinsky  
 Judy Rosenberg

**OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:**

Mr. John Davison and Mrs. Christiana Davison on the  
*Bar Mitzvah* of their son, William;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Deckelbaum on the birth of their  
 grandson, Dean Bernard;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Friedman on the *Bar Mitzvah* of  
 their son, Miller Steven;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kleiner on the engagement of  
 their daughter, Jessica to Dustin Ravine;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Mizrachi on the *Bat Mitzvah* of  
 their daughter, Courtney; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.  
 Robert Kodeck;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schnitzer on the *Bar Mitzvah* of  
 their son, Max;  
 Mrs. Carolyn Shochet on the engagement of her son,  
 Neil to Frannie Lesser;  
 Mrs. Sandy Silberman on the marriage of her daughter,  
 Amy to Colin Blow;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Silverman on the marriage of their  
 son Zachary Neal to Sara Lauren Weiss;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stein on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their  
 daughter, Alexandra Lenora.

**SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mr. and Mrs. John Abosch on their 45th  
 Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Akman on their 25th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bluefeld on their 70th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Burton Levinson on their 50th  
 Dr. Eyal and Dr. Hana Bor on their 25th  
 Dr. Howard and Dr. Nancy Hartz on their 20th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hollins on their 15th  
 Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Kasik on their 60th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch Krieger on their 15th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Silverman on their 45th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Friedman on their 30th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Scheinberg on their 40th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kasoff on their 20th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wasserman on their 25th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ottenstein on their 50th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steinhardt on their 35th  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Klein on their 30th

**BETH EL HOTLINE NUMBERS**

**Service Schedules:** 410-580-2727  
**Weather Hotline:** 410-580-2720  
**Congregation Closings & Program Changes:**  
 410-580-5080  
**Early Childhood Education Closings &  
 Program Changes:**  
 410-580-5081  
**Religious School Closings & Program Changes:**  
 410-580-5082

**HEALING SERVICE**

Join Rabbi Saroken for a moving and meaningful service that  
 allows for prayer, reflection, conversation and study for those in  
 need of healing. Please contact Rabbi Saroken for details at  
 dana@bethelbalto.com.

Mark your calendar for the following Healing Service on Shabbat  
 Morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Kreitzer Memorial:  
 May 21

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Wednesday, May 11**

The Beth El blood drive is right around the  
 corner! On **Wednesday, May 11** help us  
 reach our goal of 100 pints this year! The  
 blood drive starts at 8:30 a.m. and will be open  
 until 6:00 p.m. To reserve a time please call  
**Sonya or Jerry Goodman** at 410-602-8766 or  
 email Sonya at **sgood18@verizon.net**.



**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



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 latest photos from Beth El events.

**BAR & BAT  
 MITZVAH**



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Courtney Miriam Mizrachi**, daughter of Avi  
 and Stacey Mizrachi will be called to the Torah  
 as a *Bat Mitzvah* May 21, 2011.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Sean Konrad Lowitz**, son of Jim and Linda  
 Lowitz will be called to the Torah as a *Bar*  
*Mitzvah* May 21, 2011.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**William Benjamin Davison**, son of John  
 Davison and Christine Davison will be called to  
 the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* May 28, 2011.



**BAT MITZVAH**  
**Alexandra Lenore Stein**, daughter of Mark  
 Stein and Ilona Winter will be called to the  
 Torah during *Havdallah* service May 28, 2011.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Max Isaac Schnitzer**, son of Wendy and Barry  
 Schnitzer will be called to the Torah as a *Bar*  
*Mitzvah* June 4, 2011.



**BAR MITZVAH**  
**Miller Steven Friedman**, son of Lori and  
 Bruce Friedman will be called to the Torah as a  
*Bar Mitzvah* June 11, 2011.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:44 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

#### Parsha of the Week – EMOR

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:51 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

#### Parsha of the Week – BEHAR

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:57 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

#### Parsha of the Week – BECHUKOSAI

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 27

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:03 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

#### Parsha of the Week – BAMIDBAR

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

### MONDAY, MAY 30

#### Memorial Day – Office is closed.

MORNING SERVICE 9:15 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3

#### ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:08 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

#### Parsha of the Week – NASO

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 7

#### EREV SHAVUOT

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:15 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:11 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

#### SHAVUOT DAY 1

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 9

#### SHAVUOT DAY 2

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 10

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
CANDLE LIGHTING 8:12 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

#### Parsha of the Week – BEHA'ALOTECHA

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

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commitment and love of Beth El is the catalyst that will help insure our financial security in the future. The benefactors of their generosity will be our children and grandchildren. I invite you to inquire about joining this wonderful group of caring congregants.

I have previously commented on how special the Morning Minyan is to me. During the past two years the attendance at these daily services has increased in numbers. The congregants who make up the “regulars” are very special people. I encourage you to attend these services and our evening services. You will join a marvelous group of compassionate and exceptional people.

Another happening recently was the accomplishment of finally persuading the appropriate officials to install a traffic light at our entrance. This welcomed addition, even though it might be adding some frustration to some of you, has added a crucially needed improvement for safety to our congregants and our children who enter and leave our site everyday.

This past year we began a new tradition of honoring volunteers at a special *Shabbat* service. This service recognizes and thanks the large number of congregants who give so much to our Congregation, Schools, and Synagogue.

I would be bending the truth if I said that I enjoyed every day during my presidency or that I enjoyed every meeting that I attended, and that I heard only compliments and never any complaints, but I can tell you that I did enjoy the majority of the days in my two years. The main reason is because of the special relationships I have with my officers, the Beth El staff, and our wonderful clergy.

Morrie had his Tuesdays and I had my Wednesday mornings with Rabbi Schwartz and our professional staff to go over matters of the day, week, and month. I will miss those Wednesday mornings with Rabbi Schwartz, Gil Kleiner, our Executive Director, Dr. Eyal Bor, our Director of Education, and Ailene Sher, our Director of Development.

I will also miss working together with a very special group of men and women who comprise our officers; Steve Silverman, Jerry Schnydmann; Denise Franz, Hal Hackerman, Michael Rubenstein, and Ellen Budish. Their support, commitment, and hard work made my term as President special, enjoyable, and meaningful.

The most dramatic and moving event in my two years was the untimely passing of Rabbi Mark G. Loeb our beloved Rabbi Emeritus. The feeling of shock, dismay, and emptiness that overcame me and our congregation was painful. His funeral was attended by hundreds of people whose lives had been touched by him. What became apparent to me, from the moment that I was notified that Rabbi Loeb had passed away, was the immediate support, concern, and togetherness of our Congregation. We as a family pulled together to help each other deal with those difficult days. I will always cherish and remember the compassion of our Congregation.

This past September there was a Congregational Tribute in memory of Rabbi Loeb on the anniversary of his *Yahrtzeit*. That evening in many ways helped all of us to move forward in remembering a very special man and how he would want us to lead our lives individually, and as important, responsibly as a Congregation.

Finally, I wish Steve Silverman, your next president, and his officers the very best during their term over the next two years. Steve is a friend, a proven leader, an unbelievable hard worker, and unlike all of the other officers a man who can sing not only on key, but very well.

And lastly but most importantly, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be President of Beth El. It was a truly humbling and wonderful experience. I will never forget the honor that you bestowed on me.

**MORRIE HAD HIS TUESDAYS  
AND I HAD MY WEDNESDAY  
MORNINGS WITH RABBI  
SCHWARTZ AND OUR  
PROFESSIONAL STAFF TO GO  
OVER MATTERS OF THE DAY,  
WEEK, AND MONTH. I WILL  
MISS THOSE WEDNESDAY  
MORNINGS.**

— RAY KAHN



### Beth El Baby

**Nathan Henry Block**  
May 19, 2010

Parents: **Jana and Adam Block**

Grandparents:  
**Sandi and Richard Block**  
**Robbin and David Bord**

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



## IN MEMORIAM

**DR. BERNICE HIRSCHHORN COHEN**  
**JEANETTE MILLER**

We mourn the passing of our members  
and extend sincere condolences to their families.

Beth El is compiling a list of our members who would like to receive email notifications of congregational obituaries. If you wish to be added to this list, please email **Sandi Block** at [sandi@bethelbalto.com](mailto:sandi@bethelbalto.com).

# ADULT EDUCATION CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING

LIVE FROM NEW YORK'S 92 STREET Y BROADCAST

**Howard Gardner and David Brooks:  
On Truth, Beauty and Goodness  
Tuesday, May 3, 8:00 p.m.  
in the Offit Auditorium**



Howard Gardner

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.

Sponsored by



David Brooks

## EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS, ISRAEL, AND AMERICAN JEWS

**Wednesday evenings, May 4, 11, and 18  
Rabbi Jacob Agus Library, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



Rev. Jason Poling

Evangelical Christian support of Israel is received as a mixed blessing by some within the Jewish community, causes worry to others, and is wholeheartedly embraced by yet even others. What exactly does Evangelical Christian Zionism offer to, and possibly expect from, the State of Israel? What does it mean for American Jews? Two special friends of Beth El Congregation offer their perspectives on these critical questions. Rev. Jason Poling is Pastor of Our New Hope Church, and Dr. Neil Rubin is the Editor of the *Baltimore Jewish Times*.



Dr. Neil Rubin

**Rev. Jason Poling**, May 4, "Christian and Zionist, but not 'Christian Zionist'"

**Dr. Neil Rubin**, May 11, "Evangelical Embrace"

**Panel Discussion**, May 18, "Encountering the Other in the Holy Land"

Rabbi Steven Schwartz of Beth El

Congregation joins Rev. Poling in a conversation moderated by Neil Rubin. They will focus their remarks on their experiences during the recent Maryland Clergy Initiative mission to Israel.

*This program is presented without charge to the community. Cosponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee.*

## FOR MEN ONLY: BOY MEETS GRILL (FINAL SESSION) "LICENSED TO GRILL" THRILLING GRILLING HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATION



Larry Franks

**With Larry Franks of Accents  
Distinctive Events  
Sunday, June 12, 2011  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,  
Beth El Activities Tent**

The grill can produce some pretty fancy meals. Larry Franks will lead us through a four-course grill-based feast. Participants will also compete in small teams for the best-cooked course that will be judged for taste, presentation, and creativity. *This series is limited to 50 participants.*

**Registration: Beth El Members \$25 General Community \$35  
RSVP by Friday, June 3 to Adrienne Millman at 410-484-0411  
or email [adrienne@bethelbalto.com](mailto:adrienne@bethelbalto.com)**

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Development from Johns Hopkins. She also has a Graduate Certificate in Jewish Education from Baltimore Hebrew University and is a certified infant/toddler trainer and trainer for the Maryland State Department of Education, Early Childhood Division. She is currently working on a Graduate Certificate in NeuroEducation from Hopkins.

Dr. Bor, Director of Education, describes Ilene as soft spoken, calm, thorough, and detail-oriented to say the least. Dr. Bor explains, "The reason we really wanted her was because she has an excellent reputation of being a national consultant and has done an abundant amount of research in early childhood education. She has educated and worked with many teachers. We treasure her time and commitment that she is willing to devote to Beth El's school." Dr. Bor is impressed with Ilene's visions and ideas. He is also captivated at how well she relates to the other teachers. "They all feel very comfortable with her," he says. Ilene is very excited to become a part of Beth El. "I was immediately impressed with the passion and commitment of the teachers, parents, board, and clergy. It truly feels like a family. Everyone is supporting each other," Ilene explains. Beth El could not be happier to welcome Ilene into her new position and are more than excited to see the preschool grow and improve with every day.



## A FILM UNFINISHED

**Beth El Congregation  
Wednesday, May 25  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

In 1942 the Nazi propaganda machine was hard at work. 70 years later, the deceit is finally unmasked.

The movie is presented free to the community by Beth El Congregation, Baltimore Jewish Council, Towson University- Baltimore Hebrew Institute, The Jewish Museum of Maryland, and the American Jewish Committee Baltimore.



## AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

### Mondays:

9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Only when classes are in session)

### Tuesdays:

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

### Wednesdays:

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Only when classes are in session)

### Thursdays:

2:30 p.m. 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.**

## SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

### Sundays:

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Tuesdays & Wednesdays:

4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

# COUNTING THE OMER

By Rabbi Dana Saroken

I remember when I was a young girl, I would think about my birthday for months before the big day. Together, with my family, we would figure out what we wanted to do to make the day special. We still have pictures of some of those milestones; tables filled with classmates some years, pictures of intimate groups of friends enjoying some activity together on other years, but each big day, early on, seemed to bring with it another cause for celebration. Somewhere along the way though, birthdays and other special occasions became more complicated. Nowadays, it seems that the big question for many of us, on any of our special milestones, is if we should or want to do something special to mark the day. Sometimes, it feels easier to do something “low key,” maybe going out to dinner with family or a small group of friends and enjoying a tantalizing dessert at the end. Then you have those people who don’t love being at the center of celebrations, have schedules that already feel overwhelming, or worry about the potential for disappointment in envisioning and actualizing big days, and if you fall into that camp, it’s sometimes easier to treat even the big days as “just another day”. But then....comes the *Omer*.

The *Omer* is a period of time that begs us to recognize that even the baby steps, the minor events in life, the day to day occurrences deserve to be acknowledged. Through the counting of the *Omer*, we are reminded that when we intentionally count our days, they end up mattering more than we may think. So what is this “*Omer*” to which I am referring? The *Omer* is a period of time between Passover and *Shavuot* that we are literally commanded to count the days. We begin this counting immediately after our second night seder (from the day that the *Omer* of the waving was historically brought) and we continue the counting for 49 days while the 50th day begins the holiday of *Shavuot*. Each night, we are instructed to recite a special blessing and to count the time in both weeks and days. The counting serves to link the holidays of Passover and *Shavuot* and by bridging the holidays we are reminded that as a People, we were not fully redeemed from slavery until we received the Torah.

One of the most interesting aspects of counting the *Omer* to me though, is that we count upward in numbers each night while in most aspects of our lives we generally count down. We count down the days until our vacations, last day of school, until our anniversaries, reunions or whatever big event may be happening. Yet when we count the *Omer* we count up and this to me has become meaningful. You see, we count down to things when we know what awaits us. Yet, when the Israelites were counting the days beginning with Passover, they weren’t quite sure what the future would hold. So perhaps, there’s something special about this idea as well: that oftentimes in life, we don’t have a special occasion on the horizon, no big vacations, milestones or gatherings planned, but in those times too, if we can just have faith that with the unknown can come our most unexpected blessings and special experiences, we can hold on to the optimistic outlook that has always kept our people going. Perhaps looking forward to the known and unknown is something that our tradition encourages after all!

Wishing you all meaningful counting, holidays and may each day bring you blessings!



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Baums. “The family’s devotion to Sunny during her life brought a great deal of meaning to her and they were there for her in the most devoted way during her difficult illness. They are a warm and caring family and we are blessed to have them as members of Beth El and as regular attenders at our Shabbat services,” explains the Rabbi.

Susan describes the true reason she fell in love with Beth El was because of the choir. Years back, Sonia kept telling Susan she had to attend synagogue for that sole reason. It was then that she learned why her mother was so persistent in making her go and why she cherished hearing the choir so much.

Beth El would like to thank Jerry and his family for making such an honorable gift. Here’s hoping the boardroom is always as sunny as “Sunny” and her memory.

## SHAVUOT

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

One of the questions I am most often asked in the course of the year is “why do we traditionally eat dairy dishes on the festival of *Shavuot*?” After all, it seems like for every other holiday we prepare a fine meal of brisket and potatoes, or sometimes turkey. Even our weekly *Shabbat* dinners, more often than not consist of meat, most commonly chicken. So why this sudden shift to dairy food for this late spring, early summer festival of *Shavuot*?

There are a number of different reasons given for this practice by the traditional commentators, and they all connect to the idea that *Shavuot* is a commemoration of “Ma’amad Har Sinai,” the moment at Sinai when our ancestors received the Torah from God. The first reason comes from a verse in the Song of Songs, that wonderful love poem that somehow made its way into our Bible. In the fourth chapter of that book we read “Honey and milk shall be under your tongue,” and the verse is often understood as referring to Torah. In other words, the Torah should be as sweet and pleasant to our ears as milk and honey are to our tongues, and so on the night when we remember the giving of the Torah we eat sweet dairy foods to embody this idea.

There is also a semi-*halachic* (legal) reason that is given to explain the tradition of dairy food and *Shavuot*. When the Israelites came to Mt. Sinai they knew they were about to receive the “law” and that it would include rules and regulations about eating. Since dairy is always a less complicated *kashrut* issue than meat, the Israelites decided they would wait to eat meat until they had time to fully digest (pun intended) the dietary laws. That way, if they made a mistake while eating dairy, it wouldn’t be so bad.

One last reason has to do with the custom of staying up late (or even all night long) on *Shavuot* eve and studying Torah. This long established practice came about originally in connection with the Midrash’s description of the giving of the Torah. As the story goes, on the morning of the day when the Israelites expected to receive the Torah they over slept. We all know what that feels like. We suddenly jump up in our beds realizing that something is not right — our expected alarm clock didn’t go off! Instead of being awake at six with plenty of time to get ready, here it is already seven thirty. What happens? We rush about madly trying to get dressed and ready for an important appointment or meeting. And after all, what appointment or meeting could be more important than the occasion of the bestowing of the Torah?

So by staying up all night, we are in essence correcting our ancestor’s mistake. They might have slept too late, but if we don’t go to sleep at all, we will certainly be ready when the special moment arrives (albeit tired!). But who could stay up all night after eating a heavy meal of brisket or turkey? Hence the tradition of lighter, dairy fare on this holiday. And besides, what goes better with a little cheesecake than a cup of coffee?

This legend of our ancestors oversleeping is also connected to the name of the evening of *Shavuot* itself, *Tikun Leil Shavuot*, which literally translated would mean the “fixing of *Shavuot* night.” By staying up all night, we are “fixing” the mistake our ancestors made by sleeping in so many years ago. Each year we have the opportunity to again demonstrate that we are ready and willing to receive the Torah into our lives.

Join us this year as we reaffirm that commitment yet again. *Chag sameich!*



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

**W**ow! These two years have gone by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday I started my new position and it's already coming to an end. So much has taken place in such a short time. This year we began with the New Member Orientation and Paid Up Dessert Reception in October. Our Biblio group continues to meet on a monthly basis and both of our Rabbis gave amazing book reviews. We were honored and able to donate books to Baltimore City Public School children for the Seaboard-WLCJ convention,



toiletries to the Hackerman-Patz House, as well as, Tova charities for the Federation of Jewish Women's Social Action project. We have had a wide variety of entertainment at our monthly General Luncheon meetings and thoroughly enjoy being a part of the Joint Sisterhood annual dinner. The Cultural trips have taken us to Bucks Co., Pennsylvania., Washington, D.C., and most recently the Jewish Museum in Philadelphia. To wrap up the

year we anticipate Unique Boutique, which is always an exciting event followed by Sisterhood Shabbat. The list of activities that the Sisterhood members are involved in helps to support the Congregation and the Beth El schools. I could not be more honored to have been a part of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank quite a few people who I would have not been able to work without.

Thanks to:

- Sisterhood members who have given me advice, my three Vice-Presidents, Committee chairs and their committee members, Board members for attending meetings, and Sisterhood members who attend our General Luncheons
- Barbara Green and the Judaica Shop volunteers for a successful year
- Dr. Eyal Bor for including me in all of the school events
- Diane Cole for helping plan all Sisterhood events and to the Kitchen staff — Bill, Lindsay, and others
- Gil Kleiner for being supportive of Sisterhood
- Michael Ray and staff for making sure each event was set up correctly even when it involved last minute changes
- The Office staff for being so patient and understanding with my constant requests
- Our Clergy — Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken, Rabbi Greenspoon and Cantor King for assisting me in whatever situation would arise.

My very best wishes to the new incoming Co-Presidents- Janet Penn and Judy Pachino.

Sincerely,  
Susan Hackerman

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BIBLIO

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

Gloria Cerino-Gruss, popular instructor at the Renaissance Institute of The Notre Dame University of Maryland and retired professor of English and the Classics, has chosen to review, *WOLF HALL* by Hillary Mantel. It is a revelation of a man who rose to power under the aegis of Henry VIII. The Hostess will be Barbara Berkowitz.

Biblio welcomes all avid readers to join us on Wednesday May 11th. 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.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY — TORAH FUND

We are happy to announce we have 28 benefactors who have donated \$180.00 to the Jewish Theological Seminary and we are looking for more. This is the largest number of benefactors we have had in many years.

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

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Sisterhood's Closing meeting on **WEDNESDAY, May 4**, will feature a fashion show from Jones and Jones as well as fashions from Synchronicity (for young children). The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Offit Auditorium.

**Wednesday, June 15, 2011**  
**CLOSING LUNCHEON**

Biblio's Closing Luncheon will feature Fern Wolpert who will review *THE INVISIBLE BRIDGE* by Julie Orringer. We will meet at David Chu's Kosher Chinese Bistro, 7105 Reisterstown Road on Wednesday, June 15, at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person.

Reservations can be made by calling **Joan Flaks** at **410-486-6246** or by sending in the coupon. Please respond as soon as possible.

**BIBLIO'S CLOSING LUNCHEON/Book Review**  
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Dr. Robert O. Freedman, a Peggy Meyerhoff Pearlstone Professor of Political Science Emeritus at Baltimore Hebrew University and Visiting Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, spoke to Sisterhood on Monday, March 7. His topic, *From Bush to Obama: Changing US Policy in the Middle East*, traced the history of US policy regarding Israel from the Nixon through Clinton era to set the stage for the policies of George W. Bush. He then outlined the differences between the approaches of President Barack Obama to that of his predecessor. In concluding his presentation, Dr. Freedman discussed the current situation in Egypt, Libya, and Jordan and the ramifications for the State of Israel.



Beth El was host to the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland. The topic for discussion was "Understanding Estate Planning for Your Loved Ones and the New Tax Laws." Hana Rose Kondratyuk, Esq. an Associate Attorney from Real Estate & Banking Practice Group with O'Malley, Miles, Nylan & Gilmore, P.A. came to speak about developing awareness on important legal matters. Topics included estate planning, planning to provide for loved ones, and learning how the new tax laws affect everyone on an individual level. It was a very educational and informative session sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood.

## ANNUAL SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

**Saturday, May 14, 2011  
10:00 a.m., Rubin Sanctuary**

Join us for a very warm and enjoyable *Shabbat* service conducted by Beth El's Sisterhood. Services followed by a very special *Kiddush*. If you have any questions please call **Judy Pachino** at 410-486-6620 or **Ellen Budish** at 410-290-0345.

## CULTURAL TRIP TO THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

**7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**O**n this trip you will travel to Philadelphia to spend the day at the renowned Philadelphia Museum of Art. Upon arriving at the museum, our group will first visit the Perelman Building, where we will have a self-tour of the exhibit *Paris Through the Window: Marc Chagall and His Circle*. This exhibit includes some thirty-five paintings and sculptures by Chagall and his contemporaries, including Amedeo Modigliani, Jacques Lipchitz, Chana Orloff, Jules Pascin, and Ossip Zadkine. The exhibition will focus in particular on the paintings of Chagall made between 1910 and 1920, including the artist's early masterpiece *Half-Past Three (The Poet)*.

After leaving the exhibit, you will have lunch on your own in the museum. At 1:20 p.m. the group will meet for our 1:30 p.m. recorded audio tour of the exhibit *Roberto Capucci: Art into Fashion*. Capucci, Italian couturier and artist, is revered by contemporary fashion designers for his innovative silhouettes and masterful use of color and materials. This exhibition –featuring over eighty works, fascinating archival material, including film clips and images captured by the world's leading fashion photographers – will be the first survey of his work in the United States.

**Cost:** \$55 per person for members  
\$60 per person for non-members

**If you want to sign up for the trip or have any questions, contact Marlene Siegel (410-484-1844) or Janet Penn (410-484-5702)**

## UPCOMING!

### FALL CULTURAL TRIPS

**S**isterhood is planning two trips for the fall. Details are still being worked out but the trip committee wants you to know that Beth El will be traveling to these very interesting venues: **Thursday, September 15:** Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey.

**Tuesday, October 11:** National Museum of the Marine Corps, in Quantico, Virginia and time to explore Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

Detailed information for each trip will be available by flyers, on the website, and in the June *Voice*.

**Registration for both trips for members of the Congregation and Sisterhood will be held on Monday, June 6** at 10:00 a.m. in the Schapiro Auditorium. Make a note on your calendar.

If you have any questions please contact **Marlene Siegel** at 410-484-1844 or **Judy Frankle** at 410-486-2672.



Remember: **MOTHER'S DAY is Sunday, May 8.**

Visit the Judaica Shop for unique and fabulous gifts. We are receiving new merchandise all the time. If you have not been in the shop lately, you should definitely come in and check it out!

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Or by appointment, call **Barbara Green** at 410-486-4080.

**MAY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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|-------------------|---|
| Sunday, May 1     | Shredder Truck, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.<br>Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, 9:30 a.m., begins in the Rubin Sanctuary<br><i>Yom HaShoah</i> Service with Rabbi Schwartz, 9:30 a.m., Rubin Sanctuary<br>Unique Boutique, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 2     | Unique Boutique, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.<br>Confirmation and Post-Confirmation, 6:00 p.m., Kolker Room   |
| Friday, May 6     | <i>M&amp;M Shabbat</i>  |
| Saturday, May 7   | <i>Chavurah Chadasha</i> Parent Ed, 9:15 a.m., Gorn Chapel<br>Family <i>Shabbat</i> Service celebrating Morah Judy Frumin's <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> , 10:45 a.m. Gorn Chapel   |
| Sunday, May 8     | Happy Mother's Day: Religious School is Closed  |
| Tuesday, May 10   | Israel Independence Day School Celebration, 5:00 p.m., in the School  |
| Wednesday, May 11 | Israel Independence Day School Celebration, 5:00 p.m., in the School  |
| Saturday, May 14  | <i>Simchat Shabbat</i> , 11:00 a.m., Gorn Chapel<br>Tot <i>Shabbat</i> , 11:15 a.m., Memorial Chapel  |
| Sunday, May 15    | Race to No Where: Film and Discussion, 9:30 a.m.<br>Faculty Meeting, 11:40 a.m., Schuster Library   |
| Monday, May 16    | Confirmation  |
| Thursday, May 19  | Last Day of Federal Hill Satellite School, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., School 33, Light Street   |
| Friday, May 20    | <i>Aleph Misibat Siddur</i> , line up at 6:00 p.m., Rubin Sanctuary   |
| Saturday, May 21  | Tot <i>Shabbat</i> , 11:15 a.m., Memorial Chapel  |
| Sunday, May 22    | Last Day of Religious School Student Awards and <i>Vav</i> Graduation, 10:30 a.m., Rubin Sanctuary<br><i>Lag B'Omer</i> Family Celebration, 11:30 a.m., Lawn  |
| Tuesday, May 24   | Last School Committee, 6:30 p.m., Place to be announced   |



Moreh Sam Wach's Class sings Halleluyah to Dr. Bor in his office.

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# REGISTRATION MATERIAL FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

By Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education

This registration information represents modifications made to both the lower and upper grades. Much of the reforms that we put into place for the upcoming school year resulted from parent focus groups, parent surveys and discussions with our students. We believe that the changes will result in our students feeling more involved, more stimulated and more interested as they have options and choices throughout their academic course at Beth El Schools. Thus, the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School continues to be in the forefront among religious schools throughout the country.

The new developments are as follows:

- Our students will be able to attend Hebrew school on various days of the week that will best suit their needs. The options are: Sundays and Tuesdays or Sundays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Wednesdays or Saturdays and Sundays. We have made every effort to find a schedule that would coincide with your busy lifestyles. Saturday is now becoming a vital option for Hebrew schools nationally. Students can attend Saturday school from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings, freeing up their weekdays. At the same token, our students can come on Tuesdays and Wednesdays which will keep their weekends open.

- The students of the upper grades, *Dalet*, *Hay*, and *Vav* will have the opportunity to participate in two *Tikkun Olam* projects and choose a Judaic Studies elective for each semester. These grades will also study Hebrew for an hour each session. *B'nai Mitzvah* students will receive their individual lessons at this time.

- Working with parents of Fort Garrison Elementary School to provide busing to Beth El was a success. We are prepared to add a bus on Wednesdays from Fort Garrison. We are also expanding our bus service to include students from other elementary and middle schools. The fee for this service will depend on the number of students who will participate in the bus program. Again, your prompt return of the registration materials is vitally important.

- This past year, we were blessed with more students enrolled in our religious school and we hope that the trend continues. We are exploring adding two additional sites to our satellite program; one in Roland Park and a second in the downtown area of Baltimore City.

You are the best advocates of our programs. If you refer a family that has not previously attended our schools, you will receive a \$100 discount off of your total tuition. We have reduced the registration fee by half to encourage prompt response from you.

We thrive for excellence in education and extra-curricular programming for our students and our families. We value your participation in the variety of programming we provide. We commit to keeping communication open with you. Please do not hesitate to call **410-484-4543**, email **eyal@bethelbalto.com** should you need any assistance or should you have ideas you want to share.

**Please note that registration material MUST reach our office by May 22, 2011** in order for us to effectively expedite our new schedule and establish bus transportation for our elementary and middle schools. We have many decisions to make based on your feedback. So in order to plan efficiently, we appreciate your cooperation in returning the materials in a timely manner.

## Simchat Shabbat

Lead by Rabbi Michelle Stern  
Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m.,  
Gorn Chapel

This is a service perfect for families with children ages 5-8. This service promises to be engaging, uplifting and meaningful not only to the children but the adults as well. Please contact **Jill Eisen** with questions, **410-484-4543** or **jill@bethelbalto.com**.

## Mitzvah OF THE MONTH

Family Farm Time at the Kayam Farm at Pearlstone. Play in the dirt and help to make things grow! For more information and to schedule a time to plant email **farm@pearlstone.org**.

Please email **Jill Eisen**, **jill@bethelbalto.com** or **Amanda Freed**, **Amanda@bethelbalto.com** with a story from your experience and send us a photo!

## M&M SHABBAT PICNIC DINNER

Friday, June 3

On Friday night, June 3, (after our last M&M service before we go on summer break), we will have a special Shabbat dinner following services. As usual, Rabbi Saroken and Cantor King will lead a 1/2 hour service from 5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. with singing, praying, movement and endless spirit. Afterward, we will head outside to enjoy a Shabbat picnic dinner. If you're interested in joining us, please call **Ilene Naedis** or **Melissa Berman** at the preschool office **410-602-2245** or email **Melissa Berman** at **melissa@bethelbalto.com** to RSVP for this special evening you won't want to miss. For more information, contact **Rabbi Saroken** at **dana@bethelbalto.com**.



## FAMILY SERVICE TO CELEBRATE MORAH JUDY FRUMIN'S BAT MITZVAH

By Jill Eisen

Please join us as we celebrate the *Bat Mitzvah* of a very special individual, P. Judith Frumin. Morah Judy is one of our 6th grade teachers. I have known her for eight years. In this time, I have been her co-worker, assistant principal, and friend. Morah Judy, who is passionate about teaching, makes the subject come alive for her students with heartfelt and factually accurate lessons.



Did you know that Morah Judy is quadrilingual? She speaks Spanish, Hebrew, English and French. She has three degrees and has been teaching middle school and high school for sixteen years. When asked why Morah Judy decided to have her *Bat Mitzvah* now, she replied, "I should have had it 30 years ago, but my Bubbe died. I only embarked on this journey thanks to the encouragement and support of the Beth El staff (especially you Jill!)."

Our Family *Shabbat* Service is led by Rabbi Dana Saroken and Morah Becky Gordon. We hold it in the Gorn Chapel at 10:45 a.m. The service is a fun, relaxed way to become comfortable in a service and with the liturgy or pray. If you would like to perform a Torah Honor, an *Aliyah*, by saying the Torah Blessing, Opening and Closing the Ark or dressing the Torah, please contact **Jill Eisen**, **410-484-4543** or **jill@bethelbalto.com**.



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## Top Green Spring Cleaning Tips

By Blythe Copeland, Great Neck, New York

**REDUCE:** The first step to fighting messes is getting rid of all that stuff you never use. The quickest way to cut your cleaning time is to simply have less stuff to clean.

**REUSE:** Now you have a pile that you're ready to get rid of—but wait: don't just trash it. First, go through and see if any of those items could serve a purpose you haven't thought of before. See if any of what you have can save you from buying something else.

**DONATE:** Once you've taken stock of what you can use, separate out items that someone else might need. Your house will be less cluttered; someone else can skip buying new; and the landfills will be that much emptier.

**RECYCLE:** Once you've exhausted all the other options, it's time to hit the recycling bucket.

**GET THE RIGHT HOME ORGANIZATION TOOLS:** Now that you've managed to weed out the useless from the useful, you need to find a system for organizing what you have left. Try cardboard boxes wrapped in pretty paper, bamboo baskets, or cloth bags made from old t-shirts.

**MAKE YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES:** Most of your home can be cleaned with recipes that are a combination of hot water, vinegar, and baking soda or washing soda; add a few drops of essential oil for scent if you prefer.

**AIM FOR A NO-WASTE CLEAN:** Trade paper towels for reusable microfiber cloths or sponges.

**GO PAPERLESS:** Set up your bank account for online billing and payments to cut back on waste.

GO GREEN!

<http://www.treehugger.com/files/2009/03/how-to-go-green-spring-cleaning.php#tips>

## ISRAEL AFFAIRS PROGRAM RECEIVES STANDING OVATION!

An enthusiastic cast and crew of over 70 Beth El volunteer “performers” and “technicians” entertained an audience of close to 400 people on Sunday afternoon, March 27 in the Offit Auditorium. The over-flowing crowd came to see the extraordinary performance of “Israel Through the Decades Honors”, a tribute to eight decades of Israel’s achievements in the arts, literature, technology, science, and sports. Produced by the Beth El Israel Affairs Committee, this takeoff on the Kennedy Center Honors was professionally scripted and directed by Debbie Fink. The program was created courtesy of a grant from Ma’alot (a joint program of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and Nefesh B’Nefesh) and a generous contribution from Joyce and Arnold Fruman.

Up-beat music from the live orchestra immediately set the mood, transporting the audience from Baltimore to Israel. As the lights dimmed, the sounds of the shofar blasted from all four corners of the room. The spotlight then focused on the podium where Hedy From, Chairperson of Beth El’s Israel Affairs Committee, offered a warm welcome. Merle Setren, Master of Ceremonies, introduced the ten ‘Israeli’ honorees who were seated on elevated daises in period-appropriate costumes. A visually remarkable slide show created by Jim LeVecchi enhanced the performance while ten clever presenters delivered informative and witty dialogue highlighting the accomplishments of each honoree. There was masterful musical accompaniment throughout the program. The Beth El Choir led everyone in Ha’Tikvah and Hallelujah. Cantor Thom King delivered hauntingly beautiful renditions of Gam Ki Elech and Kahol v’Lavan, and Susan Treff warmed the hearts of all in attendance with her solo of “Jerusalem of Gold”.

Beginning with the 1940’s and moving through present-day, “immi-



grants” arrived from around the world, welcomed each time by an Israeli Immigration Officer. To highlight Israel’s longstanding commitment to aid countries struck by natural disasters, shofar blasts interrupted the performance announcing disasters in various parts of the world. “Disaster relief workers” rushed from the auditorium each time, responding to emergencies across the continents.

Following the enthusiastic standing ovation at the conclusion of the performance, the crowd, high on Israel, lingered and socialized over Israeli refreshments.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

### 4TH ANNUAL LAG B’OMER BONFIRE AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 22, 2011, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Beth El Back Parking Lot



Ask anyone who attended last year and they’ll tell you it’s not to be missed! Please join us for fun and festivities as we emulate Lag B’Omer celebrations in Israel. We’ll have a roaring bonfire. There’ll be s’mores for everyone, music, games, entertainment and more! Bring a nut-free dairy picnic or a few shekels (dollars) to purchase a slice or two of pizza. Come equipped with roasting sticks, blankets and chairs. Our history tells us this is a celebration for all ages. It is open to the community so bring your family, friends and neighbors. Not to mention it’s the last day of Hebrew School – so stay and celebrate with us!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 18, including the number of slices of pizza you plan to buy, to Fran Davis at 410-484-4543 or [fran@bethelbalto.com](mailto:fran@bethelbalto.com), or to Talia Berkowitz at 410-602-2245 or [talia@bethelbalto.com](mailto:talia@bethelbalto.com).

The Lag B’Omer Bonfire and Celebration is co-sponsored by the Beth El Israel Affairs Committee, Religious School and Pre-School.

## IT IS RAELY TRUE

- An Israeli company was the first to develop and install a large-scale solar-powered and fully functional electricity generating plant, in southern California’s Mojave desert.
- Israel leads the world in the number of scientists and technicians in the workforce, with 145 per 10,000, as opposed to 85 in the U.S., over 70 in Japan, and less than 60 in Germany.
- Israeli scientists developed the first fully computerized, no-radiation, diagnostic instrumentation for breast cancer.



### THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS, POST 888, NEED OUR HELP!

EVERY YEAR NEW FLAGS ARE PLACED ON THE GRAVES OF OUR JEWISH WAR VETERANS PRIOR TO MEMORIAL DAY. BARRY STEELMAN, BETH EL CONGREGANT, HAS REQUESTED OUR HELP TO ASSIST THE AGING VETERANS IN PUTTING OUT THE FLAGS THIS YEAR AT SEVEN CEMETERIES. THE CEMETERIES ARE LOCATED ALONG WINDSOR MILL ROAD, ROGERS AVENUE, AND LIBERTY ROAD.

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 15

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN A MITZVAH PROJECT.

IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DEBBIE CAPLAN, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, 410-484-0411 OR [DEBBIE@BETHELBALTO.COM](mailto:DEBBIE@BETHELBALTO.COM).

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# SENIORS

Beth El Seniors reminds its members of its May dinner meeting which will be held on **Sunday, May 15**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. Our featured entertainers for the evening will be Frank and Trish Curreri, who will sing many of our favorite selections. The cost for this event is \$18 for members and \$21 for guests. **Reservations and payments are a must and are due by Friday, May 6.** Please mail your check and seating preference to Beth El c/o The Seniors, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208.

## REMINDER

Beth El Seniors reminds its members that there will be no June dinner meeting. Our next scheduled dinner meeting will be our annual Seniors' anniversary event on **Sunday, July 10**, 2011 the day following the Senior Shabbat services on July 9. Anyone wishing to participate in our special Shabbat should contact Ed Berkowitz at 410-296-8424.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Beth El Seniors have enjoyed a wonderful year which will conclude with our Senior Shabbat service and anniversary dinner meeting in July, 2011. We have had outstanding entertainment and great meals throughout the year and we look forward to continuing the trend. We are actively seeking new members and we invite all of the readers of the Voice to join our organization. All persons over 50 are welcome to join 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.



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.



## 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](mailto:debbie@bethelbalto.com) so she can call and invite them to Beth El.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH



## DR. PAUL SHEITEL AND MR. JERRY GOODMAN

### 1.) Why did you both become involved in the Social Action Committee?

We were both very active in Beth El and wanted to contribute more because of the connection we both have to diabetes. We recognized the need for a Health Care Committee because there are a significant number of senior citizens who attend Beth El Congregation and have many health issues. We want to try to educate people about chronic diseases that are likely to affect many of us in one way or another.

### 2.) How long have you been involved in the Social Action Committee?

We have been active in the Social Action Committee for about 15 years. The past five years have seen the most concentrated effort to provide interesting health related programs to our members and the public.

### 3.) What projects have you been involved in? Why are these projects so important to you?

We produce a number of programs throughout the year. Our most successful one being the Blood Drive, which occurs two times a year. There is one coming up Wednesday, May 11. Our goal is to collect 70-100 pints of blood twice a year.

Four years ago we started a seminar in association with the American Diabetes Association called "Power Over Diabetes." The entire community is always invited. Unfortunately, diabetes is very common among ethnic demographic. "Both Paul and I have it, which is why we are so passionate about the topic," explains Jerry. The key to diabetes is prevention and information. Type II Diabetes has a major impact on our community which can be stopped by taking the proper measures. It is a fact that anyone born after 2000 has a one in three chance of being diagnosed with it. Current estimates are 26 million diabetics and 57 million pre-diabetics. We must be aware of our risk level and preventive measures.

Paul is on the Advisory Council for the American Diabetes Association and Jerry was on the Research Foundation Board and on the American Diabetes Association national board. He was also the Chair of The Maryland affiliate, Northern Virginia and D.C. for a couple of years.

The Health Committee also holds a program called the Health Symposium in conjunction with the University of Maryland. The program includes top speakers from the University who speak on a wide variety of health issues.

Paul is also in charge of providing transportation for people who need assistance getting to appointments. There are about five drivers that he can call, at any time, and ask to volunteer. New drivers are always welcome!

### 4.) How can fellow congregants contribute?

The best way for people to contribute would be to participate in the events we sponsor. The events are always free. Participation is the key to the success of the Health Care Committee. Without more participation these programs cannot continue.

If you would like more information you may email **Jerry** at [jlgood18@verizon.net](mailto:jlgood18@verizon.net) or **Paul** at [psheit@verizon.net](mailto:psheit@verizon.net).

THE OFFICERS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BETH EL CONGREGATION

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# ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2011

The Beth El Choir will be performing

Morning Services: 9: 15 a.m. – Gorn Chapel

Haskarah (Memorial) Services, Breakfast and Meeting:  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Offit Auditorium

Reservation Required- Babysitting available for 3 years and older  
RSVP deadline: Friday, May 27, 2011

*This meeting is for members of the Congregation only.*

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## A SHABBAT TO REMEMBER

**O**n **Saturday, May 7, 2011** during *Shabbat* morning services all are welcome as "We stand with strength and stature due to the roots planted in Beth El Congregation by Rabbi Jacob B. Agus, Rabbi Mark G. Loeb, and Cantor Saul Z. Hammerman, our beloved spiritual leaders, of blessed memory (z"l)."

– *Mrs. Aileen G. Hammerman*

"...the plaque is a small but visible token of recognition for the spiritual leaders of the Congregation who helped Beth El to be the place it is today. In a sense we "stand on their shoulders" in terms of the work we try to do and the feeling for Judaism that we hope to cultivate in the Congregation. The plaque is a symbol of that idea, and its dedication will give members of the Congregation an opportunity to reflect back on the enormous contributions that Rabbis Agus and Loeb and Cantor Hammerman made to Beth El."

– *Rabbi Steven Schwartz*

"This plaque appropriately honors the memory of our three past clergy who gave so much to our Congregation on and off our bimah. Our memory of them will always be entwined with Beth El and who we are."

– *President Ray Kahn*

Please join us in remembering and honoring these three inspirational men and the great ways in which they have contributed in making Beth El Congregation what it is today.



Rabbi Jacob B. Agus



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Rabbi Jacob B. Agus (1911-1986) Founding Rabbi  
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