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The Case for Supporting Beth El

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Each year the High Holydays come to remind us of how important it is to be connected to a synagogue community. The warmth and fellowship we experience when we gather together to celebrate our most sacred days is genuine. It comes from a shared history, and also from the sense that Beth El is a special place. We understand the idea of "kol Yisrael areivim zeh b'zeh" - that all Jews are responsible for one another. Although we have a beautiful campus, wonderful staff, meaningful services, fabulous learning opportunities, and top notch schools, at the end of the day there is one thing and one thing alone that makes Beth El truly special; it is the members of the congregation. Without you we wouldn't have the strength, the support, the energy, and the feeling that we need to



make Beth El the kind of place we all want it to be.

Part of what you have enabled us to do, through your generous participation in the Annual Appeal, is to always be there for our members. Our philosophy, going back to the days of Rabbi Agus, through the time of Rabbi Loeb, and to the present day, is when a member calls for help we will do everything in our power to answer that call. We simply would not be able to fulfill that mitzvah and mission without our Annual Appeal funds. It is the Annual Appeal that enables us to tell a member that we will be able to give them a place to pray for Yom Tov even if they are unable to pay full dues. It is the annual appeal that gives us the ability to say to a family whose primary provider has lost a job "your child will be able to have a Jewish education this year." It is the Annual Appeal that has allowed Beth El to ride the rough waves of the economic climate of the last few years so that we can continue to provide all of the services our members

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Joseph Eisenberg and Michael Rubenstein completed a bike tour to Florida, raising money for Mazon. See the story on page 6.

BETH EL WELCOMES RABBI FAITH CANTOR, THE RABBI EDUCATOR

Rabbi Faith Cantor knew she wanted to be a Rabbi from an extremely young age. She grew up in Southern California and always belonged to a Conservative congregation. As a child, Rabbi Cantor attended a Lubavitch, Chasidic day school. She had one teacher who taught her for both the fourth grade and in middle school. This teacher in particular inspired Rabbi Cantor to start the journey she is now living. To this day, she remembers his exact words, "You know I can never approve of this, but your kind of Jews have women rabbis and you would be great at it!" From that day forward Rabbi Cantor knew exactly what she wanted to be. She still keeps in touch with this Rabbi from time to time and admits he ultimately was her biggest influence.

From day school Rabbi Cantor went on to attend Cal State College in Northridge where she majored in history. Rabbi Cantor then completed her Junior year of college in Jerusalem at Hebrew University and continued her studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary where she was classmates with Rabbi Dana Saroken. The two of them often worked on projects together and continued to do so in their professional careers. Rabbi Cantor received her MA.ED in informal education. In addition to Rabbi's formal studying, Rabbi Cantor completed two units of pastoral counseling. She was placed in Roosevelt Hospital in New York in the AIDS unit.



Rabbi Faith Cantor

It was very interesting for her because the hospital was full of people of varying religions and she hardly ever came across a Jewish person. Often times she had to console and guide people whose views on religion were limited.

Rabbi Cantor's experience makes her a perfect fit for the job here at Beth El. Before Rabbi

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Mrs. Shawn Hyatt on the loss of her beloved father, Neil Wasserman;
 Mrs. Bertha James on the loss of her beloved husband, Solis James;
 Mrs. Michelle Levin on the loss of her beloved mother, Elaine Brettschneider;
 Mrs. Nancy Medin on the loss of her beloved father, Harry B. Cooper;
 Mr. Robert Smelkinson and Mr. Allan Bernstein on the loss of their beloved cousin and father-in-law, Mr. Aaron Smelkinson;
 The family of the late Ruth Wilen Cooper;
 Mrs. Rita Wolf on the loss of her beloved mother, Barbara Diane (Bunnie) Gleiman;
 Mrs. Cynthia Wolf, Mrs. Cyd B. Wolf, and Mr. James C. Wolf on the loss of their beloved husband and brother, Harry Lee Wolf.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mike (Myer) Grossfeld
 Betty Zlotowitz

A HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mrs. Josephine Becker on the birth of her twin granddaughters, Tova and Rayvan Becker;
 Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Caplan on the birth of their great grandson, Noah B. Caplan;
 Ms. Sheila Charkatz on the birth of twin grandchildren, Alexander David Campbell Okrent and Mollie Rose Okrent;
 Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Cramer on the birth of their grandson, Sean Isaac Coughlin; great grandmother is Mrs. Miriam Jacobson;
 Mr. and Mrs. Rory Dechowitz on the marriage of their daughter, Kelly to Daniel Politzer;
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engle on the marriage of their son, Donald to Marianne Stefanni;
 Mrs. Joan Flaks on the *Bar Mitzvah* of her grandson, Benjamin Flaks;
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Himelfarb on the birth of their grandson, Alec Justin Himelfarb;
 Mrs. Marlene Koeppel on the birth of her granddaughter, Catherine Julianna Koeppel;
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Penn on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Max Philip; grandparents are Ms. Adrienne Greenspun and Mr. and Mrs. A. Samuel Penn;
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosen on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel to Evan Goldstein; grandparents are Mr. and Mr. Mishel Roseman;
 Dr. and Mrs. Richard Schlossberg on the birth of their grandson, Carter Lev Schlossberg; great grandmother is Mrs. Ruth Lev.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Sussman on their 60th
 Mr. and Mrs. David Hazman on their 50th
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Salkin on their 50th
 Mr. and Mrs. Frederick on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Offit on their 35th
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilner on their 35th
 Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey on their 30th
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Narrow on their 30th
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Willoughby on their 30th
 Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Brown on their 25th
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trippe on their 25th
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Youra on their 25th
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bernstein on their 20th
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kahn on their 15th

**BAR & BAT
 MITZVAH**



BAR MITZVAH

Max Philip Penn, son of Brian and Stefanie Penn will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* September 17, 2011.

IN MEMORIAM

**RUTH WILEN COOPER
 SOLIS JAMES
 AARON SMELKINSON
 HARRY LEE WOLF**

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.

Beth El Baby



Samantha Hite Kornstein
 Born: January 5, 2011

Parents:
Lisa Glass Kornstein and Martin Kornstein
Grandparents:
Saralynn and Sheldon Glass

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

BETH EL HOTLINE NUMBERS

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

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

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410-580-5080

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Program Changes:

410-580-5081

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



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

MORNING SERVICE	8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING	7:16 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Parsha of the Week – SHOFTIM	
MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MORNING SERVICE	8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING	7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Parsha of the Week – KI'TEZE	
MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Parsha of the Week – KI'TAVO	
MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

MORNING SERVICE	8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING	6:42 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Parsha of the Week – NITZAVIM - VAYELECH	
MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE - MINCHA	7:00 p.m.
SELICHOT	9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – EREV ROSH HASHANAH

MORNING SERVICE	8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – ROSH HASHANAH – DAY 1

*MORNING SERVICE	
TASHLICH SERVICE	4:30 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – ROSH HASHANAH – DAY 2

*MORNING SERVICE	
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING	6:31 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Parsha of the week – HA'AZINU	
MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 – EREV YOM KUPPUR

MORNING SERVICE	8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE – KOL NIDREI	6:30 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING	6:20 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 – YOM KIPPUR

*MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
YIZKOR	4:45 p.m.
MINCHA SERVICE	5:15 p.m.
MAARIV/HAVDALAH	7:20 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 – EREV SUKKOT

MORNING SERVICE	8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SUKKOT – DAY 1

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 – SUKKOT – DAY 2

MORNING SERVICE	9:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING	6:09 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 – HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 – HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 – HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

MORNING SERVICE	7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 – HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

MORNING SERVICE	7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

HOSHANAH RABBAH & EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

MORNING SERVICE	7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 – SHEMINI ATZERET

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 – SIMCHAT TORAH

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Parsha of the Week – BERESHIT

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

MORNING SERVICE	7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:15 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING	5:50 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Parsha of the Week - NOACH

MORNING SERVICE	10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE	6:15 p.m.

*See High Holiday Schedule in High Holiday Packet or on the website at www.bethelbalto.com.

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

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

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Morning

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

Evening

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

*Check website or call 410-580-2727

YOM KIPPUR

By Rabbi Schwartz

As I sit typing this in late July we are working our way through the hottest days of the summer, with classic Baltimore humidity and temperatures in the mid to upper 90s. It is hard to spend time thinking about the High Holy Days when they seem so far away and the relaxed rhythm of summer is still so strong. Yet we are in the period of time on our calendar that we call the “Three Weeks,” and for those in the know that is a sure sign that the fall holidays are right around the corner.

On the surface the “Three Weeks” seem to be a stand-alone unit, having to do with commemorating the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in ancient times. In reality the tradition understands these mid-summer days as a kind of prelude to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, a reminder to all of us that we should begin thinking about the work of teshuvah that we need to do, and considering how we can go about getting our spiritual lives in order for the new year. The major idea at work here can be summed up in the line from the old Joni Mitchell song, Big Yellow Taxi: “...you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone.” During the “Three Weeks,” we are supposed to feel the sadness of God seemingly abandoning the Jewish people - we remember the destruction of the Temple, exile, and a near severing of the covenantal relationship between God and Israel. It is the absolute spiritual low point of the Jewish year.

Of course we Jews have a lot of experience with what to do when we reach a low point. We start to climb. From the end of the “Three Weeks” forward, the tradition encourages us to gradually elevate our souls, so that we can once again discover a close and loving relationship with God and be truly prepared for the High Holy Days. When the “Three Weeks” conclude with the *Tisha B’av* fast, we begin reading a series of seven special *haftarot*, called the *Shiva d’Nechemata*, or the Seven Haftarat of Consolation. Each week these beautiful texts remind us that God is still there for us, that in fact God waits for our return, and they literally form a liturgical path that we can use to get ourselves ready to once again meet God on the High Holy Days.

For many Jews, that journey culminates with *Yom Kippur*, when people feel closer to God and to Judaism than they do during any other time of the year. To truly appreciate what a blessing and opportunity *Yom Kippur* — our spiritual high point — offers us, we need to first experience the low point of the mid-summer, the “Three Weeks” of sadness, and the first fast of the season, *Tisha B’Av*. Only then can we look back and see all the way down into the valley, and stand together on *Kol Nidre* eve, and say the *Shehechyanu* blessing, thanking God for enabling us to reach sacred moments of our lives.

SELICHOT: THE HIGH HOLIDAYS BEGIN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9:00 P.M.

There is no question that the chanting of the *Kol Nidre* prayer evokes an immediate and emotional response in Jews all over the world. The origins of the *Kol Nidre* are mysterious and the history of the prayer is a fascinating story that begins in ancient Babylonia and spans the centuries. How did a chant that doesn’t mention God become so sacred? How did one prayer become so important to one people, somehow symbolizing the hopes and dreams of a New Year? This is the theme of the film “18 Voices Sing *Kol Nidre* - The Secrets of a Sacred Chant From Those Who Have Been Touched By It,” which will be shown during this year’s *Selichot* service.

We hope that you will join us for this evening of reflection as we begin to prepare for the coming Days of Awe. The service, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 9:00 p.m. in the Gorn Chapel.

This meaningful musical *Selichot* service, composed by our own Cantor Thom King, features, cellist Evan Drachman and the men of the Beth El Choir. A reception will follow in the Schapiro Auditorium.

A Traditional Tashlich Gathering

**Thursday, September 29, 4:30 P.M.
Woodholme Country Club,
300 Woodholme Avenue, by the lake**

A moving ceremony that is symbolic and concrete all at the same time, Tashlich allows us to express not only our desire to be free from sin, but continuing hope that we will be forgiven for past misdeeds.

All are welcome to join us. We look forward to having our religious school and preschool families join us at the lake. Cookies and juice will be served. Everyone is invited to bring their *shofar* and bread crumbs.



BETH EL CONGREGATION

ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.

**Beth El Memorial Park
9700 Liberty Road
Randallstown, MD**

Led by Rabbi Steven P. Schwartz,
Rabbi Dana Saroken and Cantor Thom King.

NEED SOMEWHERE TO GO FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Some may be familiar with the story of Abraham and his three visitors, but if not, here is a quick summary of what happened on that day. Abraham and his wife Sarah had a visit from three unknown persons; Abraham offered them traditional hospitality. He washed their feet and offered them food. When all was prepared, he set curds, milk and a calf before them under a tree. (Genesis 18:1-8)

The three visitors were portrayed as men at first, then as angels, recognizable by their wings. Abraham took them in when he was under the impression that they were simply strangers.

The hospitality of Abraham has been the standard for all Jews to strive toward. Let us follow Abraham’s lead and continue this generous tradition. Invite those without a place for the holidays to join you and your family at your home for a *Rosh HaShanah* or *Yom Kippur* meal. If you are interested in signing up as a host family, please contact **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or **debbie@bethelbalto.com**.

(If you do not have a place to go for a High Holiday meal and would like to be welcomed into someone’s home, please contact **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or **debbie@bethelbalto.com**.)

HIGH HOLIDAY COOKING CLASS

WITH MONROE ZEFFERT, ZEFFERT AND GOLD CATERING



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
AT 5:30 P.M.
\$30/MEMBERS & \$35/FRIENDS

Looking for new recipes for the High Holidays? Trying to please the particular palates around your family's table? Then come join one of Baltimore's premier Kosher caterers for a special cooking demonstration.

A light dinner will be served.
Please complete and return the registration form below with your check to Beth El. Your check is your registration.
ACT NOW SPACE IS VERY LIMITED!!

Contact Diane Cole at 410-484-0411
or email diane@bethelbalto.com

Participant's Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Contact Number (daytime): _____ Contact Number (evening): _____

Please send your registration form and check to:
Beth El Congregation, Cooking Classes, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208

Let Beth El Help Make It a Sweet New Year... with a KUGEL!

Order a kugel to have a sweet year - and to support Beth El!

Available kugels are:

- Sweet Kugel \$18.00
- Raisin Kugel \$18.50
- Apple Kugel (sweet bread pudding) \$25.00
- Peach Kugel \$18.50

All of the above come in a 9 x 13 pan, are Pareve,
and will serve 24 small pieces

Gefilte fish is also available for \$25.00 for a
3 lb/10 serving container

The kugels freeze well and can also be used for break-fast. Fill out a form below and submit it with payment by **Monday, September 20, 2011.**

**All orders must be picked up Tuesday, September 27
between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**All kugels must be paid for when ordering
Your check is your confirmation and receipt**

Please submit to the congregation office.
For more information contact Diane Cole, Event
Coordinator, at 410-484-0411.

Name _____

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Phone _____

Kugel: ___ Sweet(\$18.00) ___ Raisin(\$18.50) ___ Apple (sweet bread pudding)(\$25.00)
___ Peach(\$18.50) ___ Gefilte Fish (\$25.00)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



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**Israel is an official
"contributing
nation" to the UN's
efforts to fight
AIDS/HIV ...**

Through Israeli cir-
cumcision operations,
thousands of African
men have improved
their chance of reach-
ing old age by 60 per-
cent. This ancient
Jewish ritual has
proven to reduce the
AIDS/HIV epidemic
considerably, and
Jewish Israeli expert-
ise is transferring this
public health tool to
Africa. Now a new
agreement with the
United Nations makes



Israel an official "contributing nation" to the UN's
efforts to fight the deadly disease. This development
exemplifies Israel's commitment to providing foreign
aid.

**Israel is a world leader in producing materials
for ESL (English as a Second Language) ...**

Israeli ESL program SpeakingPal gives non-English
speakers interactive language lessons over their
mobile phone. The system consists of a video-
based dialogue series that users access via cell
phone. The dialogues are short in order to allow
users to take advantage of a few minutes of free
time to practice their English.

Israeli food prices up 12.7% in 3 years ...

The rise in food prices in Israel over the past three
years was 5.5 times higher than in Europe, accord-
ing to a comparative survey conducted by the
Knesset's research and information center for the
Economic Affairs Committee. Food prices went up
by 12.7% on average during that period, compared
to an average price hike of 2.2% in Europe.



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A WORLD OF CHALLENGES

By Dr. Joseph Eisenberg

Life is a challenge. If we forget that it is, one can rest assured that something or someone will remind us. Challenges are a given part of life, as is how we face and cope with them.

While we face the challenges that life thrusts upon us, we also create challenges for ourselves. We hear or read news of what we as a specie accomplish, and we can appreciate how history reflects our aspirations to achieve, strive, and conquer. We climb mountains "because they are there," and in ways too numerous to count, we search for challenges large and small that we accept with no guarantee of success.

It is with the desire to physically strive, to achieve at our ages, that Michael Rubenstein and I took on the challenge of a bicycle tour to Florida. We were certainly under no external imperative. With the exception of our loving and supportive wives, the consensus of those we told of our intention was, "You're crazy." Certainly, naysayers have always been ready to discount the pursuit of challenges to which they could not relate. You recall what naysayers said about crazy Christopher Columbus and all of those insane rebellious colonists who dared take on the mighty British Empire?

Well, Michael and I are not in the same category as Christopher and the colonists, but it is the same internal drive to strive and achieve that we shared with them. To add some substance to our challenge and make it more than just an accomplishment for us, Michael suggested that we try to raise money for Mazon, which was a way to help those faced with the pressing and serious need for food.

With the intention of trying to maximize our chances for success and security, we approached Rabbi Schwartz to say a prayer over us. Being studied in these matters, he had us say a prayer for ourselves, and then he said a prayer over us.

After training and other preparation, we were ready to embark on our bicycle tour. It was then we learned that challenges could be like the Russian nesting dolls – one within another. So before we could leave, we first had to fix four flats, three of which were on the same tire. After the tire repairs, we were off, although a little later than we anticipated. We met each challenge in turn from two more flats, scorching heat, voluminous traffic, to regional forest fires that for miles blanketed our path with smoke.

I'm not going to assert that because of our prayers, we had the success that we did. However, each time we needed help, guidance, or some form of benevolent intervention, it was there. How we came across the good folks we did, when we did, might be the stuff of a morality tale. Suffice it to say, there was no shortage of good people, and when two people heard what we were doing and our efforts to raise money for Mazon, they would not accept our money for the service they provided us. While it might be easy to look at the world through jaded eyes, rest assured that goodness flourishes and knows no geographic limit.

We got to Florida in good form and health, with an increased sense of ourselves; we faced challenges of our making and those that were not, and we created memories for a lifetime. However, the substance of what we did lies not within us but within the money we raised to help feed the people faced with hunger.

Rabbi Faith Cantor – Continued from page 1

Cantor accepted the position at Beth El, she was an Associate Rabbi in Charlotte, North Carolina at Temple Israel for four years. Prior to that, she was Director of Judaic studies for Solomon Schechter in Suffolk County, New York. Rabbi Cantor has done everything from traditional rabbinic jobs, helping people cope, working in youth departments, adult education, and the list goes on. Her favorite aspect of her job thus far has been designing and implementing curriculum. She feels that this opportunity at Beth El is a "unique and exciting one." It is a chance to work "outside the box" and focus on education of all ages which is what her background is in. This job also seemed very attractive to her because even though she is the Rabbi Educator she still gets to be connected to a congregation.

In Rabbi Cantor's spare time she enjoys spending time with her family. She has three children at home ages five, three and a half, and a 20 month old. Not to mention if you see her around the building, don't forget to say, "Congratulations!" Baby number four is on the way!

Rabbi Cantor is an avid reader and loves historical fiction. She also thoroughly enjoys cooking and watching the Food Network. She and her husband love playing board games as well. Their favorite is called "Settlers of Catan." The game's focus is to "take over the world." She may not be taking over the world, but we are all excited to see what she does with Beth El!

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expect and deserve.

The leadership at Beth El often talks about the challenge of taking a synagogue of over 1,700 families and making it feel like a shul. What we mean by that is a place that is warm, caring, connected, accepting, and focused on a sense of the sacred in life. Without the Annual Appeal we would not be able to create the kind of community we have all come to know and love at Beth El Congregation.

Please participate in this year's Annual Appeal. By doing so you will do your part to ensure that the community exists not only this year, but for many more years to come.

I'shana tova tikateivu - May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a Sweet Year!



Walk to Save A Life: Join Us

Komen Maryland Race for the Cure will take place **Sunday, October 23, 2011** in Hunt Valley MD. This will be the third year that Team Beth El Congregation has participated in the event, which raises money for the treatment and research for breast cancer.

Last year Beth El had 78 members enrolled on its team and raised more than \$4,000. This year the goal is to have 100 participants and to encourage each person to fulfill the "POWER of 10."

The 'POWER OF 10' is Komen's concept which has a major impact on raising funds. Register for this year's Race for the Cure and invite 10 of your friends or family members to make a donation of \$10. In this way each participant can raise \$100. The registration fee for adults is \$35 and \$10 for Kids for the Cure. There will be a 5K Run/Walk and a 1 Mile Family Fun Walk.

To register for the Komen Maryland Race for the Cure, go to their website: komenmd.org and click on "Race for the Cure." Then follow the prompts to register for Team Beth El Congregation.

For additional information or for help in registering for the race, please contact Jill Eisen at 410-484-4543 (jill@bethelbalto.com) or Saralynn Glass at 410-580-0355 (saralynnglass@jhu.edu).

Buses will leave from the Beth El parking lot for the race and return to the synagogue in time to join classmates in Hebrew School. For those who cannot walk there will be hesed (acts of kindness) projects during Hebrew School. For more information on the hesed projects please contact **Rabbi Faith Cantor** at **410-484-4543** (faith@bethelbalto.com).

Register: www.komenmd.org Team Name: **Beth El Congregation**
Deadline: Sunday, October 16, 2011 to ensure your Beth El Team Shirt and bus transportation.



AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

The Agus Library will reopen September 19.

Monday	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Monday	6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (when classes are held)
Tuesday	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Thursday	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If these times are not convenient for you, contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844 to make an appointment.

If you wish to donate books to the Agus Library, please contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844. Because of the limited space, please do not bring books to Beth El until you have talked to Marlene Siegel.

SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

Sundays:	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays:	4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING

PRE-HIGH HOLIDAY EVENT

Title: The Book of Jonah – You Can Run But You Can't Hide
Instructor: Rabbi Schwartz & Rabbi Saroken
Dates: September 14, 21
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Description: Join Rabbi Steve Schwartz and Rabbi Dana Saroken for a two session study series of the Book of Jonah. We will begin our High Holy Day preparations by combing through one of the Bible's most unusual and provocative texts. Why was this text chosen by our Sages for the afternoon reading on the most sacred day of the year, Yom Kippur? What does the book teach us about responsibility, teshuvah, faith, and the relationship between the human and the Divine? And how can these messages from an ancient story inform our experience of the Days of Awe in the 21st century?

Monday Morning

Title: Our Prayers – Where They Came From/
What They Mean
Instructor: Sandy Winters
Dates: 2011: October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 28,
December 5, 12, 19, 2012: January 9, 16, 23, 30,
February 6, 13, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 16, 23, 30
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Room: Agus Library
Description: We will examine the origins of the synagogue service and the Siddur, which, in one form or another is used in every synagogue. We will look at the wording of our prayers and how the Siddur has changed over the many years of our history.

Title: Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes
Instructor: Sandy Winters & Rabbis
Dates: If interested please call Sandy Winters for dates and times of classes

Monday Evening

Agus Academy – Fall

Title: What Does It Mean to be Big "C" Conservative?
Dates: Session I: Nov 14, 21, 28 Dec 12, 19 Rabbis
Session II: Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 **** Sandy Winters
Session III: Feb 13, 20, 27; March 12, 19, 26 Rabbis
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Room: Agus Library
Description: The Beth El Board of Directors recently changed the congregation's mission statement so that it would include the phrase "affiliated with the Conservative Movement." What does it mean to be a "Conservative Congregation?" For that matter, what does it mean to be a "Conservative Jew?" Does it mean we think about God in a particular way? Does it mean that we practice our Judaism in a particular way? Or learn, or pray, or celebrate in a particular way?

Our ongoing Monday evening Agus Academy learning series continues in the 2011-2012 calendar year with an in depth exploration of Conservative Judaism. In the course of the year, we will learn about what the Movement has to teach us regarding theology, halachah (Jewish law), and ritual practice. We will study the history of Conservative Judaism and some of its most influential thinkers. Throughout the year, we will continually come back to the question "Why Conservative Judaism," asking it about our congregation, and our individual Jewish selves.

**** Session II with Sandy Winters will include "Art as Midrash" on January 9 with New York artist Fran Medoff. The remaining three sessions are titled "Our Prayers- Where They Came From/ What They Mean". See Monday Morning for course description.

Agus Academy – Spring Institute for Jewish and Christian Studies

Title: Reclaiming the Center – Discovering Our Common Ground, Exploring Our Differences: Interfaith Conversations
Instructor: ICJS Staff and Rabbis
Dates: April 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21; June 4
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Refreshments, 6:45 p.m.)

Description: "Reclaiming the Center" is a new adult education initiative that explores not only what Jews and Christians have in common, but what is distinctive and particular about each tradition. This fall the Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies launches this program that brings together Jews and Christians from churches and synagogues across Baltimore. Beth El is excited to host the spring session. The program, entitled "Encountering our Sacred Texts," takes place in two six-week sessions: one in the fall, and one in the spring. Each class will include text study, small group discussion, and lecture by the staff of the ICJS.

*The fall portion of this program is being held at Chizuk Amuno Congregation on September 10, 12 and October 17 and at Brown Memorial Church on September 26, October 3 and 10. For more information on the fall session contact **Mary Krastel, ICJS, at (410) 494-7161. Costs: \$60 for Fall Session and \$60 for Spring Session***

Title: Jewish Short Stories
Instructor: Gail Lipsitz
Dates: Nov 7; Dec 5; Jan 3 [Tuesday]; Feb 6; Mar 5; April 2
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Room: Agus Library
Description: Enjoy reading selected short fiction by contemporary Jewish writers of note, and participate in lively group discussions led by Gail Lipsitz. A copy of each story will be provided one month in advance to allow for leisurely reading.
Costs: Material fee: \$15 for Beth El members; \$20 for friends and guests.

Title: Intermediate Siddur Hebrew
Instructor: Wendy Farley
Dates: Nov 21, 28; Dec 12, 19, Jan 9, 16, 23, 30;
Feb 13, 20, 27; March 12, 19, 26
April 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21; June 4
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.
Room: Schuster Library
Description: The class is focused on accuracy and fluency in Siddur reading.

Tuesday Evening

Title: Baltimore Board of Rabbis Adult Institute
Instructor: Baltimore area clergy and academics
Dates: Oct 18, 25 Nov 1, 8
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
Description: The oldest cross-congregational learning experience in the Baltimore Jewish community. There will be 2 sessions each evening. Choose from over 15 different courses taught by Baltimore area rabbis and academics. Brochures will be mailed in the beginning of September.

Wednesday Morning

Title: Yours, Mine and Ours – A Jewish/Christian Conversation about Sacred Stories
Instructor: Dr. Rosann Catalano, Rabbi Schwartz & Rabbi Saroken
Dates: Session I: Oct 26; Nov 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec 7, 14; Jan 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb 1; Session II: Feb 22, 29; Mar 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23
Time: 9:30a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Room: Agus Library
Description: Jews and Christians share a significant biblical heritage that is often understood in radically different ways. Begun last year, this course continues the study of sacred texts and the variety of ways in which they both challenge and give meaning to our lives. Our study will be led by Rosann Catalano, Ph.D., Staff Scholar at the Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies, and a rotation of the Beth El rabbis.
NOTE: While the format for this class will be similar to last year's, we will be studying texts.

Cost:	<i>Beth El Member</i>	<i>General Community</i>
	Session I: \$100	\$150
	Both Sessions: \$150	\$200

Wednesday Evening

Title: **Baltimore Hebrew Institute – Hebrew Classes**
Instructor: BHI Faculty
Dates: Fall Semester: September: 14, 21; October: 5, 26
November: 2, 9, 16, 30; December: 7, 14
Spring Semester: January 25; February: 1, 8, 15, 22,
29; March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 18, 25; May: 2, 9, 16
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Description:

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew - Introduces students to the basic skills needed for reading and understanding the Hebrew Bible in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Focus on grammar and translation will provide the fundamentals necessary to explore the Biblical text, and guide students on an exploration of the linguistic connections, deeper meanings, and subtle humor too often lost in translation. No previous Hebrew experience necessary.

Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Absolute Beginner- Study with experienced professional Israeli Hebrew educators. Learn to read, write and speak using an innovative multimedia approach. No previous knowledge of Hebrew is required.

Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Advanced Beginner - this beginner level is for students with basic knowledge of Hebrew. Students will see improvement in Hebrew reading, writing and speaking skills, and increase their Hebrew vocabulary and grammar skills. Pre-requisites: able to read and write block and script Hebrew font.

Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Intermediate - Increase your spoken fluency with an emphasis on vocabulary, grammar, and conversational Hebrew. Appreciate Israeli life and culture with new multimedia materials. Pre-requisites: familiarity with Hebrew vocabulary and grammar, and the ability to read and write block and script Hebrew font.

Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Advanced - this course will focus on conversational Hebrew and reading comprehension. In addition to new multimedia materials, students will be learning from Hebrew language newspapers and literature. This is an immersion class. Pre-requisites: Have some fluency in Hebrew speaking, able to read and write script Hebrew font.

Costs: \$180/course Beth El members get \$15 discount

A UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE WITH CHIZUK AMUNO

Title: **From Golden Age to Expulsion: History, Society and Culture of Medieval Sephardic Jewry**
Instructor: Professor Jonathan Ray
Dates: October 26, November 2, November 9, November 16,
November 30, December 7, December 14,
December 21, January 11
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Description: The history of the Jews of Spain represents one of the most varied and remarkable chapters in the history of the Jewish people. This course will provide an overview of the nature and development of Sephardic (Hispano-Jewish) history and culture between Late Antiquity and the expulsion of 1492. We will explore the major social, cultural and intellectual trends of Jewish civilization in the Iberian Peninsula through secondary readings and the analysis of medieval religious, legal, and literary texts. A central theme will be the analysis of the conflict and cooperation between the Sephardim and the two major religious systems of the medieval and early modern Mediterranean: Christianity and Islam.
Location: Chizuk Amuno
Cost: \$295

Saturday

Title: **Parashah Study**
Instructor: Rabbis, Sandy Winters
Dates: Saturday Mornings
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Room: Agus Library
Description: Our Rabbis and Sandy Winters lead an informal group study of the weekly Torah portion. Everyone is invited to join in this casual and interactive session. Refreshments are available before and after class.

See page 9 for Registration Form.



Endowed by Robert and Florence Chertkof

**JEREMY BEN-AMI AND PETER BEINART—
A PROGRESSIVE VISION FOR ISRAEL**

Tuesday, September 20, 8:00 p.m.



Peter Beinart

Two of the most influential and provocative progressive Jewish voices argue that it is time for true supporters of Israel to face the truth: efforts to secure a safe and democratic future for the Jewish homeland are heading dangerously off track. Jeremy Ben-Ami and Peter Beinart discuss what it means to be “pro-Israel,” the creation of a viable Palestinian state and the need for strong US leadership to lead the way to a peaceful solution to the ongoing conflict. Jeremy Ben-Ami is the founder and president of J Street. He is the author of *A New Voice for Israel: Fighting for the Survival of the Jewish Nation*. Peter Beinart is senior political writer for *The Daily Beast* and author of *The Icarus Syndrome: A History of American Hubris*. He is associate professor of journalism and political science at CUNY and a senior fellow at the New America Foundation.

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IRANIUM:

JOHN R. BOLTON, ETHAN BRONNER, RICHARD PERLE, NAZIE EFTEKHARI AND ALEX TRAIMAN

Monday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.
(Film to be shown at 6:15 p.m.)

Join a panel of influential and provocative names to discuss the threat of a nuclear Iran, featuring clips from the critically acclaimed documentary *Iranium* which will be shown prior to the discussion. The documentary is a stinging indictment of the current Iranian regime and highlights revolutionary efforts within Iran to topple the government. John R. Bolton is a former US Ambassador to the United Nations. Richard Perle is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and served as chairman of the Defense Policy Board during the Bush administration. Alex Traiman is the director of *Iranium* and a professional journalist covering breaking events and analysis in the Middle East. Richard Green is the executive director of the Clarion Fund, the nonprofit organization that produced and distributed *Iranium* as well as other documentary films on threats to international security. Nazie Eftekhari is the director for the Iran Democratic Union. Ethan Bronner is the Jerusalem bureau chief for *The New York Times*.
Sponsored by Solomon Foundation by Joel Matz and Jeffrey Abarbanel.

**FINDING A LOST TRIBE OF ISRAEL:
THE BNEI MENASHE OF INDIA
MICHAEL FREUND, MODERATOR**

Monday, November 28, 8:15 p.m.

Hear members of the Bnei Menashe community, along with Shavei Israel founder Michael Freund, tell the remarkable story of how this lost tribe is finally coming home. The Bnei Menashe (Hebrew for “sons of Manasseh”) of northeast India trace their roots to the ancient Israelite tribe of Menashe, one of the Ten Lost Tribes exiled by the Assyrian empire more than twenty-seven centuries ago. Despite being cut off from the rest of the Jewish people for generations, they clung to their identity. Michael Freund is the founder and chairman of Shavei Israel, a Jerusalem based organization that reaches out and assists “lost Jews” seeking to strengthen their connection with Israel and the Jewish people.
Sponsored by Dr. Sheldon and Mrs. Saralynn Glass

2011 - 2012 Adult Education Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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2011 - 2012 Classes or Programs with Registration Fees or Material Fees

Program Name: _____ Fee: _____ #Attending: _____ Total Due: _____

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Total for ALL Programs/Material Fees: _____

Please send check payable to Beth El Congregation. If program is free please leave all information regarding fees blank. Send both of these forms in to register for classes.

TORAHS REFURBISHED

Rabbi Salazar comes from Sofer on Site, an organization located in Miami, that provides a variety of Sofer services including the inspection, repair and writing of parchment scrolls for Torahs, Mezuzahs, Tefillin and Megillot for Purim. This organization, headed by Rabbi Moshe Druin, coordinated the very successful Mitzvah 613 program that was done at Beth El six years ago.

The purpose of his first visit was to inspect each of our Torah scrolls and evaluate them, to see if they were kosher or not. Broken or cracked letters can render a Torah pasul — not kosher.

Those Torahs in need of repair or refurbishing were expertly done by Rabbi Salazar on his second visit, which lasted four days. During that time, congregants were invited to watch him work and to ask any questions about the process.

He also advised us on how to keep our Torahs in good condition.

We are grateful to our Beth El Seniors who raise the money for this work which ensures that our Torah scrolls are kept in perfect condition.



Rabbi Salazar works very hard to restore the Torahs that are not kosher. He used traditional pen and ink to correct the cracked letters.



HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL FAMILIES!

Contact **Jill Eisen** with questions at **410-484-4543** or email jill@bethelbalto.com.

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Thursday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Tot/Preschool Services and Activities are divided into 3 sections in alphabetical order. The service is in the multi-purpose room located by the elevator, down one level. The activities will be in rooms 9 and 10 in the preschool.

Gan (Kindergarten), *Mechina* (1st Grade), and *Aleph* (2nd Grade) Service will be in rooms 213-214, located by the elevator, up one level on the 2nd floor.

Bet (3rd Grade), *Gimel* (4th Grade), *Dalet* (5th Grade), and *Hay* (6th Grade) Service will be in the Schapiro Auditorium, across from the religious school office.

The Teen Service, that includes 7th – 12th grades, will be held in the Kolker Room.

Aftercare for children waiting for their parents who are still in services will be in the Schapiro Auditorium from 12:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Friday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Tot/Preschool Services and Activities are divided into 3 sections in alphabetical order. The service is in the multi-purpose room located by the elevator, down one level. The activities will be in rooms 9 and 10 in the preschool.

The Teen Service, that includes 7th – 12th grades, will be held in the Kolker Room.

ALL Preschool and Religious School families will be in the Myers Auditorium as part of the Interactive Family Prayer Experience at Beth El. Everyone is welcomed to this service on Rosh Hashanah Day 2.

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Tot/Preschool Services and Activities are divided into 3 sections in alphabetical order. The service is in the multi-purpose room located by the elevator, down one level. The activities will be in rooms 9 and 10 in the preschool.

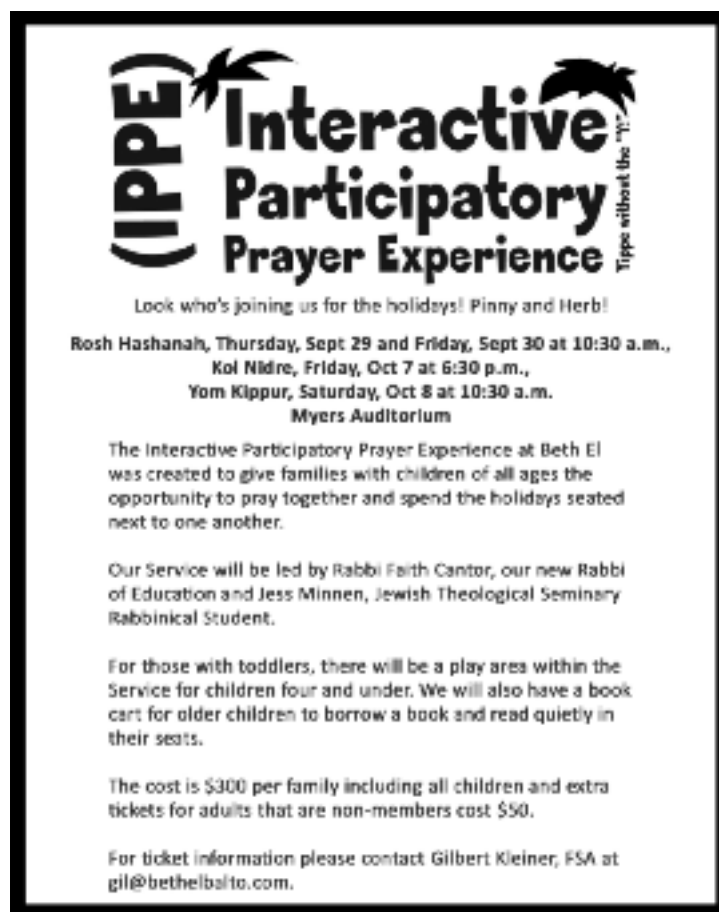
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The Teen Service, that includes 7th – 12th grades, will be held in the Kolker Room.

The Interactive Family Prayer Experience at Beth El, families with children ages 3 – 12, will be in the Myers Auditorium. Tickets are required for Yom Kippur.

Aftercare for children waiting for their parents who are still in services will be in the Schapiro Auditorium from 12:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.



(IPPE) Interactive Participatory Prayer Experience
Trippe without the "T"

Look who's joining us for the holidays! Pinny and Herb!

Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, Sept 29 and Friday, Sept 30 at 10:30 a.m.,
 Kol Nidre, Friday, Oct 7 at 6:30 p.m.,
 Yom Kippur, Saturday, Oct 8 at 10:30 a.m.
 Myers Auditorium

The Interactive Participatory Prayer Experience at Beth El was created to give families with children of all ages the opportunity to pray together and spend the holidays seated next to one another.

Our Service will be led by Rabbi Faith Cantor, our new Rabbi of Education and Jess Minnen, Jewish Theological Seminary Rabbinical Student.

For those with toddlers, there will be a play area within the Service for children four and under. We will also have a book cart for older children to borrow a book and read quietly in their seats.

The cost is \$300 per family including all children and extra tickets for adults that are non-members cost \$50.

For ticket information please contact Gilbert Kleiner, FSA at gil@bethelbalto.com.

A HEBREW SCHOOL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD INTRODUCES A NEW LOCATION!

By Jill Eisen

Roland Park the newest Beth El Religious School Campus!

Our Roland Park Satellite School is housed in the Roland Park Country Girls School. We meet on Mondays, 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. A walking service is available for students from Roland Park Elementary and Gilman Schools. This program is for Jewish and Jewish Interfaith families. There are classes for children ages 3-11. The students use multi-sensory, hands-on and interactive personalized experiences which empower them to explore, discuss and create their own Judaic ideals. We will also utilize the Roland Park surrounding area to research projects and have Jewish book experiences in the Pratt Library, go on a Kosher scavenger hunt in Eddie's and study Jewish environment values and ethics on the neighborhood original trails.

Federal Hill Campus

We are excited to report that our downtown campus is growing leaps and bounds. Our students range from ages 3-10. Being conveniently located downtown our field trips include area parks, the Jewish Museum and a few local surprises.

Applications are still being accepted for both locations. Contact **Jill Eisen** for registration forms and more information, jill@bethelbalto.com or **410-484-4543**.

SAVE THE DATE
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

BIG CHANGE OF PLANS!
PROJECT MISHPACHA UPGRADED TO 2.0!

Must Read Article for all Parents in Religious School

We are thrilled about our upcoming year. We are excited to share with you all the "upgrades" including a surprise announcement.

1st Days of Berman-Lipavsky Religious School at the Beth El Main Campus in the Myers Auditorium, **Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and Wednesday, September 7, 2011**
 5:30 p.m. optional dinner in the Schapiro Auditorium, \$10/family
 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Parent Orientation for all two day per week families

While the parents are in the orientation, the children will experience a youth group program. We will have babysitting for children 6 years of age and younger.

Please RSVP to **Fran Davis** for dinner and babysitting, **410-484-4543** or fran@bethelbalto.com.

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 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Contact **Dee Curtin**, Program Coordinator, at **410-580-2723** or **dee@bethelbalto.com** for more information and to arrange a tour of our infant and toddler area.



ENROLL NOW! PRESCHOOL, MOMMY & ME, & PRE-K

- ☀ Flexible Schedule Options for Children 2 - 5
- ☀ Part-time, full-time and extended day options available
- ☀ The children enjoy our 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 playground and field, 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 Preschool at **410-602-2245**.



The kids love watering, harvesting, and eating the veggies from Beth El's newest addition, the garden. We would like to thank Lauren and Travis for erecting the fence and Laura Robb and Talia Berkowitz for coordinating the watering and harvesting.



In October 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on our inspections, re-inspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan please contact Executive Director **Gilbert Kleiner**, FSA at **410-484-0411**.



Mike and Bailey Myers



Abby Rome, Eden Oberfield, Jillian Book



Beth El Preschool and Camp Students



Tzofim, Jillian Book and Jill Eisen

On a hot and steamy night in July our Beth El Families partied with the Tzofim, Israeli Scouts. We danced, sang and learned about Israel through the eyes of these teenagers. The event was co-sponsored by the Baltimore Zionist District.

BETH EL CONGREGATION PRESENTS

JOANIE LEEDS AND THE NIGHTLIGHTS CONCERT

Sunday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m.



Beth El Congregation presents Joanie Leeds and the Nightlights! The children's concert is on Sunday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Offit Auditorium at Beth El Congregation.

Joanie Leeds is known for her "rock solid" voice and energetic music that resonates with young children everywhere. Leeds' astonishing voice and enthralling act has earned her the Parents Choice Award, Telly Award, and Independent Music Award. The

singer/songwriter will be performing music from her CD's "City Kid," "I'm A Rock Star," "Challah Challah," and her newest album, "What A Zoo." Joanie entertains at preschools throughout Manhattan, birthday parties, and performs concerts nation-wide!

All preschoolers will receive a coupon to attend the concert for FREE! Infants under one are also free. Tickets for everyone else cost \$10.00. To register please bring cash or check to the receptionist's desk at Beth El Congregation. Make checks payable to Beth El Congregation.

For more information please contact **Dori Chait** at **516-236-7794** or **dorijill@gmail.com**.



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Joseph Weiner by Mr. Morton Weiner.

COOL ENERGY TIPS FOR HOT SUMMER DAYS

Solution 1: Keep lamps and T.V.'s far away from the thermostat.

Maybe you're a fan of channel surfing while you enjoy a magazine, but these appliances are producing heat, causing your AC to go into overdrive. Standing lamps and televisions should go across the room if at all possible and consider switching to compact fluorescent bulbs which generate less heat and last longer, saving you money 2 ways.

Solution 2: Intelligent Insulation

We have all had that feeling, we walk up the stairs and suddenly it's 10 degrees hotter. Reduce the effect of the sun's rays by insulating your attic. It prevents the heat that builds up on top from filtering into the rest of your home.

Solution 3: Be Wise with Windows

On hot days before you leave for work close your curtains to prevent the sun from beating down into your rooms all day, needlessly heating your house. This also helps reduce your fading of upholstery and rugs.

Solution 4: Microwave It

Dinner prep is quicker, more convenient and cooler than turning your oven on for an extended period of time.

Solution 5: Plant a Tree

Planting deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in the winter) by south and west sides of your home will shade your windows from heat. The bare branches in the winter will allow the sun to stream in and add warmth to your home. It's a win, win.

Source: <http://madison.1thingus.com/at-home/cool-energy-tips-hot-summer-days> & <http://www.quickandsimple.com>

GO GREEN!

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The engagement of Rachel Rosen, daughter of Ellen and Robert Rosen by Robin and John Denick.
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The recent, wonderful trip to Israel and the "leaders" of this trip, by Janet and Barry Gold to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

IN HONOR OF:

The 60th Birthday of Jeffrey Dennis Gaber, by Faye and Harold Trippe, A Leaf on The Tree of Life.

The wife, children and grandchild of Gerald M. Richman, July 18, 2011, Artwork- A Simcha Kiddush Cup.

BETH EL LIGHTS IN THE NEWS

SANDRA & MALCOLM BERMAN

BOCA RATON, FL – Baltimore's Sandra and Malcolm Berman wear the Theodor Herzl Commemorative Medallions presented to them by Israel Bonds President and CEO Joshua Matza and Israeli Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz (fourth and fifth from right, respectively) at the Bonds campaign inaugural in Boca Raton on Sunday, January 30. The evening also featured a tribute to Matza, who will be leaving the organization after serving 9 ½ years. During Matza's tenure, Israel Bonds secured more than \$11 billion in worldwide sales. Over \$140 million in Israel bond sales and commitments to purchase were announced, reinforcing Finance Minister Steinitz's declaration that the Bonds organization is "an anchor of stability."

Also pictured: television icon Henry Winkler (third from left), the evening's master of ceremonies; Bonds National Chairman Fred Zeidman (right); Chairman of the Board Richard Hirsch (third from right), and members of the Berman family.



Julian Ferrandi poses with the Oriole bird at the game Beth El went to earlier this summer. All that attended enjoyed the beautiful weather and socializing with other Beth El members while watching the O's play.

BIBLIO

Biblio, a reading and discussion group at Beth El, welcomes all congregants and their friends to its 10th season! Participants are encouraged to exchange ideas, information and opinions.

For the 2011 – 2012 season we will start with a book titled, *The Red Leather Diary* by *New York Times* reporter, Lily Koppel. This review will be like no other. Annafaye Joffe leads a team composed of Martha Glassner, Shirley Snyder, Adrienne Trost and Millie Keller.

Join us on Wednesday, **September 14, 2011** at 12:00 p.m. in the Kolker Room with your brown bag kosher lunch. Tea, coffee and a delicious dessert will be provided by our hostess, Estelle Kabik.

Due to our holiday season, there will be no October meeting.

For additional information, please call: **Rita Silverman** at **410-484-1731** or **Barbara Berkowitz** at **410-296-8424**.

**SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP:
IT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Sisterhood hopes all congregants consider joining our friendly and active group.

For further information please call **Susan Hackerman**, Past President and membership liaison at **410-486-2523**.

**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY —
TORAH FUND**

We are happy to announce that we have 11 benefactors for the 2011-2012 campaign. The beautiful new pin has arrived and is being distributed. A donation of \$180.00 will make you a benefactor. In honor of your donation you will receive six special occasion cards along with the pin.

We hope all sisterhood and congregation members will contribute to the Torah Fund. For an \$18.00 donation you will receive six beautiful all-occasion cards. The funds help support the Jewish Theological Seminary both here and abroad which is where our wonderful clergy graduated from.

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



**SUBSCRIPTION PLAN FOR
LUNCHEON MEETINGS**

Do you forget to make reservations for the Sisterhood meetings/luncheons? Here is an easy way to avoid that! Join our luncheon subscription plan: For a one time payment of \$75.00, you will be guaranteed a reservation for the following six dates: **Monday, November 7; Monday December 5; Monday, January 9; Monday, February 6; Monday, March 5; and Wednesday, May 9.**

Please note: Subscription holders will not have to make reservations for the six meetings. There will be no refunds for missed meetings. If reserved separately, the cost of each luncheon will be \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the door.

Yes, I want the Subscription Plan for the Sisterhood meetings.

Name _____

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Please send your check for \$75.00 to:
June Sacks
4001 Old Court Road, #403
Baltimore, MD 21208

**SISTERHOOD MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

A meeting welcoming new Sisterhood members will be held in the Kolker Room at 5:30 p.m. immediately preceding the general meeting, dinner and program.

All members who have paid their dues for the 2011-2012 year are cordially invited to attend the first meeting, a dinner meeting, on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. Please respond no later than Saturday, August 27.

We are delighted to have Antero Pietila, author of *Not in My Neighborhood: How Bigotry Shaped a Great American City* as our guest speaker on Wednesday, September 7. In his book, Mr. Pietila describes growth and development in the city of Baltimore with a focus on discriminatory practices directed at Jews and African-Americans. He covers many of the famous neighborhoods of Baltimore and describes how segregation shaped the city. Mr. Pietila chronicles the migration from white to black in many neighborhoods and how exploitation created slums in Baltimore.

**MARYLAND FEDERATION OF JEWISH
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS**

The opening meeting of the Federation will be held on **Thursday, September 15, 2011** at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The topic is "Best Practices of Community Engagement-Connecting the Ground Level to the Executive Level". The presenter is Israel "Izzy" Patoka, Executive Director Office of the Governor, International Affairs/Community Initiatives.

The Social Action Project: School Supplies will be collected at the meeting.

Light breakfast will be served and dietary laws will be observed.

RSVP by Thursday, September 8, 2011.

Call **Harriet Weiner** for more information at **410-653-3171**.

OOPS! OOPS!

Unique Boutique regrets having omitted our heartfelt thanks to **EdMart Delicatessen** and **Shelly Kelly** for having donated a generous supply of bagels for our Unique Boutique Cafe.

We are sorry for this omission, and we deeply appreciate EdMart's generosity to Sisterhood's event each year.

Sonia Obstler
Chairman Unique Boutique



The Judaica Shop is open with a gorgeous new selection of merchandise. Please stop in for all your holiday and gift needs.

Check out our beautiful selection of apple and honey servers and shofars. There are items to help make your table lovely along with gifts and activities for your children and grandchildren.

STORE HOURS

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 11:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
Friday: 11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We are available other times by appointment. Please call the **Beth El Office** at **410-484-0411** or **Barbara Green** at **410-486-4080**.



STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

SUPPORT THE STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS
5772 HIGH HOLY DAYS CAMPAIGN
AT BETH EL CONGREGATION

State of Israel Bonds is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. From the moment David Ben Gurion founded the Israel Bonds organization, its greatest strength has been lay-leaders – volunteers who have worked closely with the Israel Bonds staff to produce High Holy Days appeals, honoree events, and more. Importantly, key to the success of the Israel Bond's synagogue based programming has been the commitment of clergy and congregational staff to our programming and our volunteers. For this year's Israel Bonds/Beth El appeal, Sonya Goodman and Robert Slatkin will be chairing this effort.

Planning events and writing checks is not hammering nails, driving trucks, or plowing fields. Still, the work of Israel Bonds volunteers for 60 years and the purchases of tens of thousands of State of Israel Bonds have been vital in building Israel into the modern sophisticated country she is today.

Participating in a State of Israel Bonds High Holy Days Campaign means you stand behind a nation that sends a field hospital to Haiti (earthquake) and Japan (tsunami) immediately, invents a missile defense system (Iron Dome) to protect Israeli citizens from terrorist rocket attacks. It means you support a country that is constantly unveiling innovations like a window that doubles as a solar energy collector, a bionic retina that dramatically corrects vision impairments, or a no-hands pressure bandage that saves lives and limbs on the battlefield.

When Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed a joint session of the US Congress back in May, he said, "Israel has no better friend than the US and the US has no better friend than Israel." Israel Bonds has helped cement that friendship for 60 years. During this year's High Holy Day Campaign, join the members of hundreds of congregations around the country and purchase a State of Israel Bond to show your friendship, your support, and your love for Israel.

Once again, Hopkins Federal Savings Bank and THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore are partnering to make 100% matching purchases on all Israel Bonds purchased during the High Holy Days appeal. Thanks to this generous match, every investment you make for Israel's future will be worth twice its value.

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.

- Our website can 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*.
- Now you can follow us on Facebook too.



ASHER ELKAYAM, RELIGIONS AUTHOR

Asher Elkayam, a congregant at Beth El for over 38 years, is a published author and professional who devotes his time to helping people, studying ancient cultures, and educating others with his wealth of knowledge and experience through his writing.

In the last three years Asher has published four books which were the result of a lifetime of learning. He has been studying the bible since he was seven years old and he was tutored by rabbis and other religious scholars throughout his life.

His latest book titled, "Whose God Is It Anyway – How World Religions Seek Peace and Find War Instead," is slightly different from those he has written previously. Asher researches the common denominator between all religions rather than focusing on any one in particular.



The main message in this book is that all religions should respect each other and there should be no exclusivity in religion. Religious prejudice and exclusivity has historically brought hatred and calamities on humankind. In order to ultimately achieve a common ground leading to peace between nations, no religion should claim superiority. The major principles found in Judaism on loving-kindness, justice to the poor and the needy seem to be found in all major reli-

gions. Asher believes it is best to claim God as the "God of humanity" and not as an exclusive God for one religion or another. Through mutual acceptance, religions can survive beside each other rather than against one another.

Aside from Asher Elkayam's distinguished career as an educator and author he is also a licensed hearing instrument specialist and audioprosthologist which he has been practicing for the past 35 years. Asher Elkayam serves as the founder and President of Trutone/Westminster Hearing Aid Centers in Reisterstown, Maryland. A lifelong language enthusiast, Asher Elkayam boasts fluency in French, Hebrew, and a working knowledge of Spanish and Arabic.

Asher has also written "The Bible, The Power of the World," "The Qur'an and Biblical Origins," "One Family, Four Cultures, Four Continents," and "Your Memory Bank and How to Use It."

You can learn more about Asher Elkayam and his books at <http://www.asherelkayam.com>. Visit amazon.com to purchase "Whose God Is It Anyway – How World Religions Seek Peace and Find War Instead." You may also visit: www.lulu.com and type elkayam, in the Search Bar.

For a Bible brain teaser here are some trivia questions on the first five books of Moses: You may want to cover the answers below before you answer them-

1. The first known business person in the Bible is _____.
2. Enoch was a chosen of God even before the time of Noah. (True or False)
3. Lot's daughters are the ancestors of the nations of Moab and Ammon. (True or False)
4. The last woman Abraham married was Ketorah. (True or False)
5. The first 'women's liberation movement' described in the Bible was initiated by the daughters of _____.
6. All tribes in their entirety settled in the Promised Land. (True or False)
7. The longest single spoken address by God Himself (spoken in terms of length of time and amount of words) to any individual in the book of the Pentateuch was given to _____.

ANSWERS-1: Abraham, He bargained and bought the Machpelah from Ephron the Hittite), 2: True, 3: True, 4: True, 5: Zelophehad (see Numbers 25:2-5), 6: False: all tribes settled except Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh, 7: Aaron (see Numbers 18: 1-6)

SOCIAL ACTION

**GOT A FEW HOURS TO SPARE BUT
DON'T WANT TO BE ON A COMMITTEE?**

SOCIAL ACTION NEEDS YOUR HELP TO:

- Transport members to doctors' appointments, services and *shul* functions
- Bake or cook or serve a few times a year at Hope Lodge
- Host someone for a High Holiday meal
- Visit a homebound congregant or someone in a nursing home or assisted living for a bit of socializing

To volunteer your time please contact **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or Debbie@bethelbalto.com.

MESSAGE FROM STEVE SILVERMAN, PRESIDENT

Although it is the middle of July, Beth El's Clergy, Officers and staff are starting to get ready for the High Holidays. In fact, when this article appears in the September Voice, we will be a few short weeks before Selichot, the official start of the holiday season. For many of us, those preparations include planning and cooking meals for our families and loved ones. For others, it will include sending out New Years cards and extending invitations to join us for a holiday meal. Hopefully, for all of us, it will also include some introspection into the lives we've led in the past year and figuring out how we can become better Jews and better human beings in the year to come.

For Synagogue President's all over the world, preparations will also include preparing the High Holiday Annual Appeal speech. Since I joined the "officer track" eight years ago, I began listening more intently to not only the style but content of my predecessors, Richard Hollander, Michael Steinhardt and Ray Kahn's speeches. These gentlemen were not only informative, they were also humorous when they described the "State of the Congregation". When it came to the part of the speech that we refer to as the "ask", they were persuasive and passionate. That is undoubtedly one of the many reasons why Beth El has had very successful Annual Appeals. Now the pressure is on yours truly.

By the time you read this article, letters will have gone out to each and every congregant, asking for a specific contribution to the Annual Appeal. The good news is that historically almost 80% of our congregants have made contributions and the same 80% gives every year. The bad news is that a significant percentage of this group, even though they give every year, is "slow" to donate. By this I mean that we need to call, write, visit and sometimes plead for them to make this contribution. After the High Holiday appeal we hold phone-a-thons almost every two weeks, using many volunteers and expending countless hours of volunteer time. These are staffed by our co-chairs, Robert Slatkin and Arnold Fruman, Erv Sekulow our Annual Appeal consultant, and our Director of Development, Ailene Sher. From October through March they work non-stop securing the pledges from the same congregants who give every single year. All of that time and effort could be saved if you, my fellow congregants, made and paid your pledge during the High Holidays. That would allow me, Robert, Arnold, Erv and Ailene and all of the volunteers to concentrate our efforts on the 20% of our members who have yet to sample the sweet taste of satisfaction that comes from knowing that Beth El Congregation will continue into the future as a premier leader of the Baltimore Jewish Community.

With that said, let me get back to planning my speech.

ALAN FLEISCHMAN ON PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

It's official. The White House announced that President Obama is appointing our very own member, Alan H. Fleischmann, to serve as a Member of his Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Fleischmann was a Lead on the Obama Presidential Transition in 2008-2009 and then a Delegate in 2010 to the President's Summit on Entrepreneurship. As a co-founder and managing director of ImagineNations Group, the White House has been aware that his greatest passion is investing in our youth and in promoting entrepreneurship and leadership. The Commission on Presidential Scholars is charged with recognizing the future leaders of the United States and honoring them for their outstanding achievements. The Commission was created by President Eisenhower and as was said by President Obama, "This Commission is to help a new generation realize their potential and pursue their dreams in our country." This will not be a job or change in Fleischmann's daily work life - but rather it is a way for him to officially be a part of the United States Government and continue to serve in the Obama Administration without going into full-time government service.

Alan H. Fleischmann has held leadership positions in domestic and global arenas across the private, public and civil society sectors at the local, state, federal and international levels. He has in-depth experience in strategy, crisis communications, negotiation, reputation management, and in business and public policy development.



Contact **Ailene** at **410-580-5159** or **ailene@bethelbalto.com** to request a Letter of Intent. All we need to know is that you have made provision for Beth El in your Estate Planning. Not only will you be ensuring the future of our congregation, but you will be helping to ensure Judaism for generations to come.

PLANNED

GIFTS OF STOCK

Even though capital gains tax rates are at an historic 15% low, individuals and charities receive significant benefits when individuals make gifts of stock.

For example, if a person sells a share of stock and then writes a check to a charity, the person must pay capital gains tax. Only the amount after paying the capital gains tax will then be available for a gift to charity.

Alternatively, if a person transfers a share of stock directly to the charity and permits the charity to sell the stock, the capital gains tax is avoided. The donor makes a larger charitable gift and receives a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the share of stock.

GIVING

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.

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.

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.

SENIORS

Beth El Seniors next scheduled dinner meeting is **Sunday, November 13, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit auditorium. Our entertainment for the evening will be Beth El's own Cantor Thom King and the UMBC Opera Workshop. The group will perform a variety of musical arrangements under the direction of Cantor King. **Reservations and payments are due by Friday, November 4, 2011.** For the first meeting the cost for both members and their guests is \$20.00 per person. For further information call **Ed Berkowitz** at **410-296-8424**.

Because of the high holidays, there will be no dinner meeting in October of this year.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

All persons over 50 are welcome to join our group, 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 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.

SHIRLEY A. MILLER REMEMBERED

By Anna Faye Joffe

Shirley Miller was a very sweet, witty, dynamic person. She taught elementary school for over 40 years. Her love of children was reflected in the many creative and innovative methods she used to inspire each child in a way that suited them individually.

Shirley was an avid reader and devoted her time to literary causes and children's welfare.

She was a long time member of Beth El Congregation and the Beth El Sisterhood. Seventeen years ago Shirley saw the need for a Sisterhood Book Club. She wanted it to be different than your typical book club. Instead of giving a review on what was read, one person in the group would put on a presentation and role play for the group. Members still continue to meet once a month. This group is known as the Biblio group.

Shirley passed away December 26, 2010 at the age of 91. The Sisterhood wanted to do something special to honor her memory and all that she contributed to the group. One contribution was made to the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. The other was presented to the Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education for \$150 to purchase books for the school. Biblio members, Carol Cummins, Joan Flaks, and Annafaye Joffe presented the check to Dr. Eyal Bor at the preschool graduation.

Shirley had a special love for children and Sisterhood had a special love for Shirley. May her memory serve as an inspiration and a blessing.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Barley Miller.

SPRING 2012 CULTURAL TRIPS

**Mark your calendar for these
two fabulous trips:**

Thursday, April 19 Philadelphia, PA

In the morning, our group will visit The Philadelphia Museum of Art to see the exhibit *Van Gogh Up Close*. After lunch on your own at the museum, we will travel to the Magic Gardens, where a unique experience awaits you. **Cost: \$77**

Thursday, May 17 Fredericksburg, VA

This trip will be a day spent visiting Fredericksburg, VA. The morning will be spent exploring Gari Melcher's Home and Studio at Belmont. After leaving the estate, we will travel to The Kenmore Inn for a delicious lunch. Following lunch, our group will visit the Kenmore Plantation and then have a free hour to shop and explore this charming town. **Cost: \$88**

Watch for more detailed information about these trips in the October Voice and Beth El's website.

Registration for members of the Congregation and Sisterhood will begin on Monday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Shapiro Auditorium.

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



*A group from Beth El traveled to Israel this summer.
Top photo: Half of the group on top of Masada!
Bottom photo: Overlooking Haifa*

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Paper recycling bins are located in our back parking lot. This drop off location is open to anyone in the community. All paper products may be deposited except for food containers and cardboard. We earn money for Beth El through this program so the more you bring, the more we will earn.


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