By Michael Rubenstein

“OY!! You changed my Voice.” I’m sure I’ll hear that in the next few weeks.

In October 2013 I was asked to form a committee to take a fresh look at our congregational newsletter. Our mission was to examine the Voice and see what, if any, improvements we could make to bring information to congregants in a more effective and appealing manner.

We first invited the congregation to complete a survey. The answers submitted naturally offered differing individual preferences. Nonetheless, we used the results of the survey to guide us in developing what you see before you.

The first thing we had to decide was whether to change the size. After much discussion and the submission of layouts from several vendors, we decided to reduce the physical size. There was also consensus that the Voice was not as easy to read as it could be, so we changed the layout and the way information is presented to make it more readable.

Certain articles will appear in the same place in each issue so you will know where to find them. For example, Rabbi Schwartz’s blog will be on page 4 and Sisterhood news will be on pages 10-11. It may not work out that way all the time, but that is the goal.

We hope you enjoy the new look of the Voice. And although we don’t have a “Letters to the Editor” column, I hope you will feel free to contact me at msrpc@verizon.net with your thoughts and suggestions.

Beth El Downtown Preschool

Beth El is thrilled to announce the opening of a preschool in Federal Hill. We recently signed a lease with the Salem Lutheran Church and are currently working through the licensing process.

Applications for a summer program and the fall school year are currently being accepted. We are also looking for a dynamic teaching staff. Anyone interested in learning more about our new school or seeking employment, please contact Ilene Vogelstein at ilenev@bethelbalto.com.

Beth El is the Voice of Beth El Congregation.

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THE H. ALLAN LIPSITZ SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH JOSHUA KULP, Ph.D., MARCH 20 - 22, 2015

Joshua Kulp, Ph.D., a dynamic Jewish educator and author, will be the guest scholar at Beth El Congregation for a special Shabbat weekend of learning this spring. The weekend is dedicated to the memory of H. Allan Lipsitz, Beth El’s first program director for Adult Education from 1998 - 2007.

Dr. Kulp is co-founder of the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem where he has taught Talmud and halakkah for the last 20 years. He is the author of the recently published book “Reconstructing the Talmud,” as well as “The Schechter Haggadah: Art, History and Commentary.” From 2001 through 2013, Dr. Kulp authored a commentary in English on the entire Mishnah, which served as the basis for the Mishnah Yomit project. He has also written and continues to work on commentaries on tractates of the Talmud.

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

Mrs. Sara Feintuch on the loss of her beloved husband, Barry Feintuch.
Mr. Stephen Freiman on the loss of his beloved father, Bernard Freiman.
Mr. Stanley Ginsburg on the loss of his beloved sister, Lois Ginsburg Schapiro.
The Family of Constance “Connie” Goldstein.
Mrs. Linda Halpert on the loss of her beloved mother, Rose Rosenfield.
Dr. Daniel Hoch on the loss of his beloved father, Dr. Peter Hoch.
Mrs. Annafaye Joffe on the loss of her beloved husband, Stanley Joffe.
Mrs. Judith Kalish on the loss of her beloved husband, Donald Kalish.
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Mr. Scott Taylor on the loss of his beloved father, Gary Taylor.
Mr. Jerrold Thrope on the loss of his beloved father, Norman Thrope.
The Family of Betty Waghelstein.
Mrs. Barbara Adler, Mrs. Marilyn Dubin and Mr. Stuart Resnick on the loss of their beloved mother, Sylvia Resnick Weinberg.

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Our Heartiest Mazel Tov to:

January Milestone Anniversaries:

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Daily Schedule of Services

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

Evening
Monday – Thursday  7:30 p.m.
Friday            6:30 p.m.
Saturday         Sundown*
Sunday & Legal Holidays  5:30 p.m.

*Check website or call 410-580-2727
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Tu B’Shavat Tea
Wednesday, February 4
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Save the date for a new way of celebrating the 15th of Shevat. We will have a selection of tasty teas and delicious treats as we come together and observe this special holiday. More information to follow.

Beth El Baby

Shane Angelo Lam, born on March 4, 2014. Parents are Erica and Chris Lam. Grandparents are Faye & Kenneth Tilles and Joyce & Stephen Lam.

Dr. Kulp was raised in Margate, New Jersey. He spent his summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Camp Ramah in Canada and for the last nine summers, he has served as the scholar-in-residence at Camp Ramah in New England.

In 1994, Dr. Kulp made aliya and currently lives in Modiin with his wife, Julie Zuckerman, and their four children. In his spare time, he is an avid triathlete and runner and has completed three full Ironmans, nine marathons and thirteen half-Ironmans.

During the March 20 - 22 weekend, congregants will have several opportunities to meet and learn with our guest scholar. Dr. Kulp will give a D’var Torah at the Friday night service, teach the Shabbat morning parasha (portion of the week) class, and speak on Shabbat morning after services and kiddush. On Sunday morning, he will lead an activity with 6th and 7th grade students in the Hebrew school.

The weekend will culminate with a stimulating program for adults, designed to bring meaning to our preparations for Passover and our celebration of the holiday. Passover begins this year on Friday evening, April 3.

Ma Nishtanah: How Different Haggadot Can Inspire Our Seders Today
Sunday, March 22, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
in the Offit Auditorium

Joshua Kulp, Ph.D., author of “The Schechter Haggadah,” will look at the history of the questions Jews have been asking at the Seder for thousands of years. From the development of these questions over time, we can gain new insights about Pesach and about Jewish history. This multi-media presentation will explore ancient texts and medieval illustrations from Haggadot composed over the centuries. If you’re looking for innovative ways of presenting the Haggadah, this program will provide concrete information and inspiration to share at your Seder table. The material is accessible and understandable to people of all Jewish backgrounds.

This program is free and open to the entire community. Mark your calendars now and invite your friends.

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By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

I am coming off a stretch of 5 weddings the last 6 Saturday nights. You might think after a while it all becomes like an assembly line. Arrive 20 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to start. Park the car. Find where the bridal party is so the pre-ceremony rituals can be enacted. Help the witnesses sign the ketubah. Wait at the head of the procession line as the coordinator makes sure everything is ready to go and the right music is playing. Walk down the aisle. Make sure everything on the table is there, ready for use – the wine, the kiddush cups, the glass to break. Chant the prayers, sip the wine, exchange the rings, proclaim the vows, seven blessings, another sip of wine, wrap it up. It doesn’t change. For them it is (often) the first time, and hopefully the last. For me? I don’t even know. I would guess 10-15 weddings a year, times 16 years in the rabbinate, would make around 200 weddings, give or take. Amazingly, it never grows old. I am not saying I enjoy the time demands, the schlepping out one Saturday night after another. I don’t stay for the receptions - how could I? But there is something about it that is incredibly compelling. Two human beings see something in each other that enables them to say ‘I want to spend the rest of my life with you.” The good, the bad. The tough times and the easy ones. The simhas and the sorrows. You are the one. There is something about you I trust so deeply, respect so fully, and love so completely that I think we can do this together, this life thing. Even though I know it might not work out, I am willing to give it a try.

What a leap of faith it is to stand with another person at the Huppah! It is so human, so incredibly audacious, so filled with joy and terror and hope and heart. I think that is why God comes, why one of the Huppah’s symbolic meanings is God’s presence with the bride and groom. What more compelling human moment could there be? Even God is drawn to it, even God wants to witness it, to be connected to it.

And to share in it, to officiate at it, is one of the great privileges of the rabbinate, no question about it. Powerful currents flow through the sacred space that the Huppah carves out. From the bride and groom, their parents, their family and friends. When you are in it, when it is happening, you can’t help but be caught up in it all.

I’ve had all kinds of crazy things happen at weddings. A best man who didn’t speak English once threw the glass at the groom, not understanding my gestures to lay it down at the groom’s feet (it was a whisky tumbler, but everyone emerged OK!). One time a best man forgot the wedding rings. Left them in the hotel, which was not where the ceremony was. We borrowed some from the attendees, right there during the ceremony. I’ve had fainting brides (twice). Fainting fathers of brides. Not yet a fainting rabbi. As I always say to the couples, regardless of what happens, at the end of that evening you are going to be married. And they are, despite fainting, flying glasses and forgotten rings.

The moment that always gets me – every single time – is when the bride enters the room. Everyone waits in anticipation. The door opens with a dramatic flourish, and there she stands. Emotion surges through the room. I don’t know exactly what it is about that moment. The dress? The vision of the bride, in the distance, the veil, over her face? I just don’t know, but it takes my breath away. Every single time.
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| New Year’s Day: Offices Closed |  
| Evening Service: 5:30 p.m.  
| **Friday, January 2** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 4:35 p.m.  
| **Saturday, January 3** | Parsha of the Week - Veyechi  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 4:30 p.m.  
| **Friday, January 9** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 4:41 p.m.  
| **Saturday, January 10** | Parsha of the Week - Shemot  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 4:45 p.m.  
| **Friday, January 16** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 4:48 p.m.  
| **Saturday, January 17** | Parsha of the Week - Va’era  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 4:45 p.m.  
| **Monday, January 19** | Martin Luther King Day  
| Morning Service: 9:15 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.  
| **Wednesday, January 21** | Rosh Chodesh Shevat  
| Morning Service: 7:45 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.  
| **Friday, January 23** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 4:56 p.m.  
| **Saturday, January 24** | Parsha of the Week - Bo  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
| **Friday, January 30** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 5:05 p.m.  
| **Saturday, January 31** | Parsha of the Week - Beshallach  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
| **Friday, February 6** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 5:13 p.m.  
| **Saturday, February 7** | Parsha of the Week - Yito  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 5:15 p.m.  
| **Friday, February 13** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 5:21 p.m.  
| **Saturday, February 14** | Parsha of the Week - Mishpatim  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 5:15 p.m.  
| **Monday, February 16** | Rosh Chodesh Adar Day 1  
| Morning Service: 7:45 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.  
| **Thursday, February 19** | Rosh Chodesh Adar Day 1  
| Morning Service: 7:45 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 5:29 p.m.  
| **Saturday, February 21** | Parsha of the Week - Terumah  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 5:30 p.m.  
| **Friday, February 27** | Morning Service: 8:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
| Candle Lighting: 5:37 p.m.  
| **Saturday, February 28** | Parsha of the Week - Tetzaveh  
| Morning Service: 10:00 a.m.  
| Evening Service: 5:30 p.m.  

**Healing Service**  

Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.  
in the Kreitzer Memorial Room  

Every month, Rabbi Saroken will be leading a healing service for people who are looking for a safe and supportive place and a group of people with whom to pray, sing out to God and reflect on life.  
Using Jewish wisdom, conversation and compassion, participants will find themselves strengthened through the encounter.
Mark Your Calendars!
The Israel Affairs Committee presents:
Shabbat Afternoon Speaker Series
Following the Kiddush

February 21, 2015
Islamization of Conflict, including Isis and Hamas: Implications for Peace
Dr. Mitchell Bard, Executive Director of the nonprofit American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) and a foreign policy analyst, will provide insight on this topic.

March 28, 2015
The United States and Israel: Is the Special Relationship in Trouble?
Dr. Robert O. Freedman, Peggy Meyerhoff Pearlstone Professor of Political Science Emeritus, Baltimore Hebrew University and Visiting Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, will discuss this issue.

April 25, 2015
Press Coverage of Israel and the Middle East: What Did we Witness and Learn during the War?
A speaker from The Israel Project will analyze the press coverage of Israel and the Middle East. The Israel Project provides facts to press, policymakers and the public on issues affecting Israel and the Middle East, the Jewish people and America’s interests in the Middle East.

Social Action
The Social Action Committee will continue the tradition of delivering Mishloach Manot for Purim to Beth El members who are homebound. They look forward to this every year.

Once again, we will be collecting food for Passover. All food collected will be distributed to multiple homes where adults who are unable to live independently reside. As we get closer to the holiday, a list of items will be provided to those interested in supporting this worthwhile project. Please contact Ellen Budish at either 443.875.7499 or ebudish@verizon.net for information. We would love to see congregational participation, which will enable the residents of these homes to observe the holiday.

We had a successful holiday ‘Family Adoption’. The donations of toys and clothing gave five families, as well as some individuals in need, the opportunity to have a brighter holiday season.

On Christmas, we again delivered meals and toys for Moveable Feast. More than 25 drivers and their passengers made deliveries to people with HIV related illnesses. This gave the volunteers, as well as Moveable Feast employees, the ability to have the day to spend with their own families.

Social Action volunteers also delivered donuts to community fire and police stations, as we do each year. The families at Hope Lodge were also part of our holiday outreach. Our committee volunteers prepared, delivered, and served dinner to those who were there over the holiday.

For more information on Social Action, please contact Ellen Budish at either 443.875.7499 or ebudish@verizon.net
Leaving a Legacy

One needs to wonder how the Jewish people and Judaism survived for 5775 years when so many of its historic adversaries have fallen by the wayside. Our forefathers were insightful enough to recognize that Judaism would survive and flourish if all Jews adhered to the same religious practices; abided by the same moral and ethical tenets and perpetuated the heritage of Judaism, passing it on to the next generation. It can be argued that Judaism and its religious and philosophic principles have contributed to the achievement of Jews in science, medicine, arts and letters, economics, technology and theology. Ours is a heritage that needs to be nurtured and protected even more so today when Jewish life and Judaism have been under attack by outside forces. It is a time for us to be vigilant, and to protect all that we think sacred.

Beth El plays a formidable role in this journey and deserves our support and involvement. The survival of the Jewish people and Judaism is inextricably linked to the congregation that serves us and that is prepared to meet our needs. This is precisely why the Legacy Society has been established at Beth El. It is our intent to improve the Jewish life prospects of our descendants. It starts with your joining the Legacy Society. It is our responsibility and obligation to assure that all that we love and cherish about Judaism and Beth El is sustained and passed to the next generation.

With the Generations Campaign, we have embarked on a new chapter in the history of Beth El. A chapter that will not only challenge the financial strength of the synagogue, but our commitment to sustain Beth El as our spiritual and educational home today and for the future generations of tomorrow. To achieve this goal, it is imperative that we consider the ever-increasing needs of the synagogue – maintenance of the physical plant; expansion and refurbishment of the educational and ceremonial facilities; increased requests for tuition and membership support for those who encounter financial difficulties; to sustaining and enhancing the diverse and award winning Beth El educational programs and to be a congregation that is capable of responding 365 days a year to meet life-cycle events beyond the High Holidays.

A wise man was quoted as saying,

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

The Legacy Society can help to assure that the fabric of Judaism survives and remains strong as we pass it on to the next generation. Not only is Judaism an investment worth preserving, but it is truly a great mitzvah in Judaism to sustain family and religious heritage by remembering Beth El in your Will and Estate plan. Won’t you help us in this noble endeavor?

To express your commitment to Beth El and its future, you can join the Legacy Society or acquire additional information by calling Ailene Sher, Director of Development, at 410-580-5159.

Are you a Beth El senior looking for transportation to and from services?

We are hoping to provide assistance with transportation to and from Shabbat morning services to any Beth El senior who may qualify for this service.

Please contact Jeanette Davis at 410-484-2960 or jeajekdavis@hotmail.com for further information.
Agus Academy... Session 2: The Siddur

Session 2 of the Agus Academy is facilitated by Rabbi Steven Schwartz on Mondays, January 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Agus Library. The prayer book is one of the most important texts in Judaism, a book that is a fascinating combination of theology, history, moral instruction, and meditation. In this class, we will explore the structure of the Siddur, the themes and motifs on which it focuses, and some of the key Hebrew vocabulary words that unlock its meaning. Students will emerge from the course with a deeper appreciation of the service, stronger prayer skills, and a greater understanding of what the prayer book wants to teach us about ourselves, God, Judaism, and the world around us.

Agus Academy... Session 3: Past, Present and Future

Session 3 of the Agus Academy is facilitated by Rabbi Faith Cantor on Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Agus Library. Join Rabbi Cantor for a discussion based on four major events in Jewish history that continue to influence our present and have an ongoing impact on our future. We will start with exploring the birth of the Jewish people, the destruction of the Second Temple, the Shoah and finally the establishment of the State of Israel. Each week will include a snapshot of these events and an analysis of their ongoing impact.

“50 Shades of Torah Part Two”

Back by popular demand beginning the second week of February! Join Rabbi Cantor and the most amazing group of adult learners as we explore both the wicked stories of the Tanakh and how the Rabbis understood sex and sexuality. We have already discussed Judah and Tamar, Tamar and Amnon, and Jepitath’s daughter! There is so much more! We will continue our conversation about the laws of Taharat HaMishpacha (Family Purity) and will read both biblical and rabbinic texts. One of the most unusual characteristics of this class is the exceptional age range. Our 91 year olds are not shocked by anything we say, and our “30 Somethings” sometimes even blush! It is a true multi-generational experience and so much fun. Don’t miss out on the second installment of 50 Shades of Torah! We will meet on Wednesday nights, February 11, 18, 25 and March 18 & 25 at 7:00 in building #4 Reservoir Circle in the Hooks Lane Executive Center. Class is both fun and challenging and we look forward to seeing you there!

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dana Saroken: Feed Your Body, Mind, and Soul

Rabbi Dana Saroken continues to offer this learning group for busy moms, professionals and empty nesters on Wednesdays, February 18 & 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 at Mama Leah’s Pizza at 12:00 noon. Join our weekly Torah study class as we delve into the family sagas of Genesis in the fall and the wonders and challenges of the journey of Exodus in the spring. Participants are responsible for their own meals.

Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Beth El: Ulpan Hebrew Classes Spring, 2015: 10 sessions

Dates for the Spring Session are Tuesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28, and May 5. The fee for this session is $180. Please submit your payment for this session directly to BHI with your registration form. Contact Michelle Taylor at 410-704-7118 or mtaylor@towson.edu for more information.

1st Wednesdays@ Beth El presents...

January 7: Zaq Harrison

Mr. Harrison was an eight year old boy who idolized swimmer Mark Spitz and wanted to become an Olympian. Then came the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. Arab terrorists kidnapped and then murdered members of the Israeli Olympic team. Mr. Harrison cites these eleven heroes as a springboard to discuss moral and ethical dilemmas in our lives and building character.

February 4: An Evening with Janna Friedman and Her Musical Prodigies

Janna Friedman, an immigrant concert pianist from the former Soviet Union, taught piano at Peabody Preparatory until she opened the Janna Freidman Music School to teach children music. You will meet some extremely talented children from unique and diverse backgrounds who will be tomorrow’s musical stars. Enjoy an evening with Janna and these young musicians.

Nourish Your Soul with... Sangria and Study

After a long day of work or activity, come and unwind and feed your body and soul at the Mari Luna Latin Grille with the Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Saroken. The group will meet Thursdays, January 8, February 5, and March 12 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Rabbis will teach a bit of Torah for inspiration as we enjoy each other’s company and conversation in an informal and relaxing setting. Participants are responsible for their own meals.
Our last Blood Drive was held on October 22, 2014, and we collected 74 pints of blood. This was somehow below our normal collection, but hopefully we will be back up to our usual amount at our next Blood Drive in April. We would sincerely like to thank everyone who came in to donate. Giving blood is a wonderful mitzvah, especially since every pint we collect helps three people. Those of you that donate double reds actually help six people in need.

There are a few suggestions that the Red Cross has for people who get rejected for low iron. A few days prior to donating, try to include some iron-rich foods such as raisins, prunes/prune juice, most beans, spinach, soy milk and liver. Make sure you get a good night’s sleep the night before and drink a couple of eight ounce glasses of water in the morning or sometime before giving.

Our next Blood Drive is on April 22, 2015, and as always, it is on a Wednesday. Remember that in order to give blood on the 22nd, you cannot give blood after February 25, 2015 (56 days prior to donating).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jerry Goodman at 410-602-8766 or email Sonya at sgood18@comcast.net. Thank you and we hope to see you on April 22.
Sisterhood: What’s Happening?

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2015 11:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker – Dorothy Masom
(Snow Date: January 12)

Dorothy Masom is considered one of America’s most distinguished contemporary artists and a true pioneer in the revival of encaustic painting also known as hot wax painting. This process involves using heated beeswax to which colored pigments are added. It was used in Egypt as far back as 100 – 300 AD. Her paintings reflect a personal and subjective artistic language which deals with the impressionist’s delicate balance between subject and image.

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2015 11:30 a.m.
(Snow Date: February 9)

David Golaner, Executive Director of the Edward A. Myerberg Center and a member of Beth El Congregation, will present “Why Older Is Better.” We have all said it -- 60 is the new 50; 70 is the new 60; etc. In most western societies, old age is not something that is valued by the younger generation. With the wave of baby boomers coming and significant medical, social, and community-based advances, this is a time when being older is better. Discuss and explore the opportunities and challenges of being dynamic and relevant in the modern world and leave the session energized and optimistic about the days ahead.

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2015 11:30 a.m.
(Snow Date: March 9)

Amy Landau, Ph.D., Associate Curator of Islamic and South Asian Art at the Walters Art Museum, will present “The Latest Discoveries of the Walters – Yeshiva Ark Door.” Her talk explores a work of great historical importance – an intricately decorated and inscribed wood panel from a Torah ark. This panel is believed to come from the Ben Ezra synagogue of Old Cairo, Egypt, site of the 19th century discovery of the Cairo Geniza, a treasure trove of documents on medieval Jewish life around the Mediterranean. Dr. Landau will show a PowerPoint presentation of the synagogue and works of Islamic and Jewish art.

New Sisterhood Members
2014 - 2015

Pam Biller, Linda Boteach, Roz Carasik, Ronnie Glaser, Anita Goldsmith, Sue Kohn
New courtesy member: Julia Hoffman

Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting, Coupon for February 2nd Luncheon
RSVP by January 21

Name: _____________________________
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c/o Marcia Boonshaft or Esther Harris
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Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting, Coupon for March 2nd Luncheon
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Rabbis’ Book Reviews and Petite Luncheons

Rabbi Steven Schwartz, Wednesday, January 21, at 12:00 p.m.
(Snow Date: January 28)
Rabbi Schwartz will review the novel “An Officer and a Spy,” a historical thriller by English writer and journalist, Robert Harris. This is the story of the infamous Dreyfus affair told as a chillingly dark, hard-edged novel of conspiracy and espionage. It tells the true story of French officer Georges Picquart as he struggles to expose the truth about the doctored evidence that sent Alfred Dreyfus to Devil’s Island. The book is well written and a unique approach to a well-known event.

Rabbi Dana Saroken, Wednesday, March 18, at 12:00 p.m.
(Snow Date: March 23)
Rabbi Saroken will review the novel, “Love and Treasure” by Ayelet Waldman. The book weaves a tale around the fascinating history of the Holocaust-era locket holds the key to Ayelet Waldman’s historical novel.

Jewish Theological Seminary
The Torah Fund campaign is moving forward. We now have 45 benefactors who support the Jewish Theological Seminary at the $180.00 level. They proudly wear this year’s pin -- a beautiful Tree of Life. The fund is supported by many members of Sisterhood and the Congregation. For any donation of $18.00 or more you can receive six beautiful all-occasion cards.

An average year of education at the Seminary may cost an individual student $66,934 or more. It costs JTS much more than the tuition they receive. Our donations help JTS educate their students. Our Rabbis received their education at the Seminary. For more information or cards please contact Jane Krosin 410-484-4218 or Hilda Dopkin 410-486-4453.

Afternoon of Games
Brought to you by Beth El’s Sisterhood

Bring your Mah Jong sets, your bridge cards or any other game you want to play!
(Bridge players will be provided a quiet space.)

March 17, 2015 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring your friends and partners!
We will supply the sweets and treats along with coffee and tea. If you need a partner or partners, we will try to find you one or more.

Call Suzanne Horowitz at 410-764-7944 or Ruth Hurwitz at 410-486-2875 for more information.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015.
Cost: $20 per player

Name: ____________________________
Game to be played: ____________________________
Do you need a player in your game? ______________________________________________________
Do you want to join a game? _______ What game? _____________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Cell: ____________________________
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Send check for $20.00 per person
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It may be in the attic or in some forgotten trunk
Filled with things you’ve saved for years and now consider junk.
You remember the dented metal box in a faded shade of blue
In which we dropped loose change and maybe a dollar or two.
It’s the old tzedakah box and every home had one around
We deposited our coins and cash and for charity it was bound.
The old blue box is gone - though its purpose remains the same
But the tzedakah box itself is now an artistic claim to fame.
Come to the Judaica Shop to see them all arrayed
One more beautiful than the next which, for your pleasure, are displayed.

The Voice of Beth El Congregation
Biblio invites all members and guests to an innovative program, exclusive only at the Wednesday, January 14, 2015, noon meeting. It is Readers’ Roundtable with a new approach. You may want to share your enthusiasm for a book recently read or you may choose to read something aloud that has impressed you. It’s your choice. If you’ve written a poem or composed an essay, bring it with you; Biblio members want to hear from you. Enjoy your dairy lunch with fellow literary devotees. Our hostess for this meeting, Judie Davis, will provide dessert. Beth El generously supplies us with tea and coffee.

The book to be reviewed by Rabbi Faith Cantor at the Wednesday, February 18 meeting is "The Broken and the Whole: Discovering Joy after Heartbreak" by Rabbi Charles S. Sherman. This is a wise, uplifting memoir about Rabbi Sherman’s search for understanding and his discovery of hope and joy after his young son suffered a catastrophic brain-stem stroke that left him a quadriplegic and dependent on a ventilator for each breath. Any questions? Phone Joan Flaks (410-486-6246) or Barbara Berkowitz (410-296-8424).

A Gift for the Bride
Sisterhood presents to the daughter or daughter-in-law of a Sisterhood or Congregational member the book "Living A Jewish Life" by Anita Diamant and Howard Cooper. This book discusses Jewish traditions, customs and values for today’s families. Since it covers every aspect of life, it is a wonderful reference book for a couple beginning married life.

If you would like to have this book given to your new bride and you are a member of the Sisterhood or the Congregation, please contact Marta Braverman at 410-358-6509 or martabравerman@gmail.com.

Save the Date!
 Joint Sisterhood Dinner
 Monday, April 13, 2015
 at Chizuk Amuno Congregation

More information to follow.

Save the Date!
 Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – 9/11 Memorial Museum – New York

Sisterhood members pose outside of the Baltimore Museum of Art during the museum’s 100th anniversary celebration. The group then had lunch at Gertrude’s inside the BMA.

Carolyn Smith, Sevelyn Wassel, Caryl Kaufman, Jane Kroin and Gail Shugarman at Corradetti Glass Blowing Studio.
February 2015 Meeting

Beth El Seniors will be holding their February meeting on February 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in The Offit Auditorium. The cost for this dinner is $21.00 for members and $24.00 for guests. Entertainment for the evening will be Jim Harp and Kimberly Christie. Reservations and payments are due no later than Monday, January 27. Please advise us if you would like a sugar-free dessert, and with whom you’d like to be seated. The seating committee will do its best to accommodate your seating wishes. Mark envelope Ruthye. Join us and bring your friends for an entertaining, inexpensive evening: dinner, entertainment, and friendly company. Who could ask for anything more? Remember, a stranger is only a friend you’ve yet to meet.

For further information, call Ruthye Steinberg @ 410-655-8242. Chag Sameach Purim to all of our friends!

March 2015 Meeting

Beth El Seniors will be holding their March meeting on Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. in The Offit Auditorium. On this afternoon, we will be watching a movie. There is NO CHARGE for members for this special afternoon, and a cost of only $5.00 for guests. Snacks and beverages will be served. Please advise with whom you’d like to be seated and the seating committee will do its best to accommodate you. Reservations and payments are due no later than February 24. Mark envelope Ruthye. Please join us and bring your friends for an afternoon of a movie, snacks, and good friends. Remember a stranger is but a friend you’ve yet to meet. For further information, call Ruthye Steinberg @ 410-655-8242 or Maxine Kontoff @ 410-486-1653.

Torah Maintenance Cards

A project of The Beth El Seniors is to support the maintenance and repair of our synagogue’s Torahs and Megillot. A kosher, usable Torah must be written by hand with a pen and special ink by a learned scribe. Every letter must be perfectly formed and each word must be correctly spelled. The ink cannot be chipped off even a little bit. The parchment on which the Torah is written must be flawless. The slightest tear or smudge will render the Torah unfit for use. The Beth El Torahs are regularly inspected and repaired. This is a costly process. It is a mitzvah to contribute to a process that keeps our sacred scrolls preserved for future generations. Torah Maintenance Cards may be purchased at The Beth El front office or call Dorothy Fineblum @ 410-653-2631. These all-purpose cards are six for $10.00 or $2.00 each.

The Voice of Beth El Congregation
SAVE THE DATE!

Mitzvah Mall
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

AND THE

Purim Carnival
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 1st is the day to celebrate the victory over an evil man! Come join us as we complete two mitzvot at once for Purim – being joyous and giving tzedakah. The Mitzvah Mall and Purim Carnival are for all ages. Kitah Vav and Zayin (6th and 7th grades) have designed a shopping experience for you to learn about and give tzedakah to Jewish charities locally, nationally and internationally. After the Mitzvah Mall, the Carnival will begin! Lunch will be on sale in the Offit Auditorium.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the carnival games. Please contact Jack Boonshaft, Men’s Club President, for details, jmboonshaft@verizon.net. The Purim Carnival is co-sponsored by Beth El Schools and the Men’s Club.

It’s a Girl Thing!

Rabbi Saroken and Jen Rudo will be partnering on a wonderful program for 5th and 6th grade girls to help build self-esteem while creating lasting friendships.

When - First Monday of every month at 7:30 pm until June
Where - The Mitchell David Teen Center 9621 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills.

Why Rosh Chodesh, it’s a Girl Thing?
Girls come together as a group, examining the past that unites them, exploring ways to grow closer and finding their own inner beauty. They reflect on the value of being Jewish females as they learn about the intrinsic importance of Jewish ritual. They take a significant first step to realizing “self”—through self-appreciation and self-reflection—while opening their hearts to the group, community and themselves.

Parent Workshop Series

Pediatrician Rona Stein, MD., will present two workshops specifically for preschool parents. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar!

1/7 Language Development
2/25 Potty Issues/Toilet Training

For any questions about these programs, please contact Preschool Director Ilene Vogelstein at ilenev@bethelbalto.com.

Shabbat Services for Children

Tot Shabbat: 11:15 a.m. in the Kreitzer Memorial Room
January 10, January 24, January 31, February 7, February 21, March 7, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 16, May 23.

M&M Shabbat: 5:15 p.m. in the Gorn Chapel
February 6, March 6, May 1, June 5

IPPE Shabbat: 10:00 a.m. in the Schuster Library
January 10, January 24, February 7, March 7, May 2

The Voice of Beth El Congregation
The first shoppers at this year’s Dreidel Shop hosted by Sisterhood and the Early Childhood Committee.

Beth El students joined with Chizuk Amuno for a special concert featuring Jewish musician, Ari Lesser.

A sixth grade student uses an iPad to research Hanukkah videos and stories.

Torah Sparks just got Brighter!

Please join Rabbi Cantor, Morah Rachel, and Josh Bender, Lower School Head of KSDS and IPPE High Holiday Prayer Leader, for an ongoing, meaningful Shabbat morning service for school-aged children and their families. Learn about how and why we pray and have the chance to win prizes!

Gorn Chapel • 10:45—11:45
January 24th and 31st
February 21st and 28th
March 14th, 21st, and 28th
April 18th and 25th
May 9th and 16th

T’filah Team/Mitzvah Monster Havdallah Happening

On November 15th, shortly after sundown, more than 50 T’filah Teamsters, Mitzvah Monsters and family members participated in a Havdallah service at Morah Becky Gordon’s house. The children demonstrated their impressive knowledge about Havdallah, answering questions like: Why do we wait until the end of Havdallah to drink the wine? What is the order of the three Havdallah blessings? How many wicks must a Havdallah candle have and why? And more...

After a beautiful and enthusiastic rendition of the Havdallah prayers, Eliyahu Hanavi and Shavua Tov, the children delighted in seeing a special Gordon family tradition: We doused the Havdallah candle in Slivovitz (plum brandy), which produced an electric blue flame that burned until the alcohol evaporated! The evening continued with refreshments, including Morah Becky’s newest dessert sensation, ice cream filled cupcakes topped with chocolate shell and sprinkles - yum!

While enrollment in T’filah Team is closed until the next school year, a second session of Mitzvah Monsters will begin on January 11th. If your child (kindergarten- 2nd grade) is interested, please contact Morah Becky at sbgordoninc@verizon.net or Rabbi Cantor at faith@bethelbalto.com.
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Weather conditions in the winter are bound to cause closings and delays all over the city. For Beth El, we have implemented a plan of action to alert all members as quickly as possible of Beth El’s status during harsh weather conditions.

**Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education:**
- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 5:30 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, Facebook, weather hotline, WJZ, and WBAL TV and radio.
- We will send an email to all parents by 5:30 a.m. if we are opening late or closing. NO MESSAGE MEANS WE ARE OPEN.
- If inclement weather comes during the day, parents will be notified of an early closing.

**Weekday: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Hebrew School in Your Neighborhood:**
- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by noon for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, Facebook, weather hotline, WJZ, and WBAL TV and radio.

**Sunday: Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and Sunday School:**
- We will post emergency closings due to inclement weather by 8:00 a.m. for the day in question on the Beth El Congregation website, Facebook, weather hotline, WJZ, and WBAL TV and radio.

**General Congregation:**
- If it is felt that the roads are hazardous and there are unsafe conditions, we will post an announcement at a minimum of three hours before a program is scheduled to start.
- We will post emergency closings on the website, Facebook page and WJZ. WBAL will only show school closings.

**Beth El Website:** [www.bethelbalto.com](http://www.bethelbalto.com)
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