Beth El Holds Its 69th Annual Meeting

Rabbi Steven Schwartz hugs Michael Rubenstein as he discharges him from his role as President of Beth El Congregation

Executive Director Josh Bender addresses the congregation

Rabbi Steven Schwartz installs Denise Franz as Beth El’s 30th President

Tenor Frederic Rey and Soprano Julie Hiscox performed Broadway tunes and opera

The dais at the 69th Annual Congregational Meeting

Over 300 congregants came together to mark and celebrate Beth El’s 69th year at the Annual Meeting and dinner on May 17. Outgoing officers and board members were honored and new Board Members and Officers were installed. The evening concluded with a celebratory performance by Frederic Rey and Julie Hiscox as they serenaded us with Broadway and opera tunes.

Photos by Judi Snyder
Our Heartiest Mazel Tov to:

**Brett and Laren Altherger** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alyse Fae Altherger; grandparents are Rory and Howard Altherger and Roberta and Manny Eisner.

**Ellen and Myron Asher** on the birth of their grandson, Miles Ori Bounan; great-grandparents are Molly and Milton Beresan.

**Joan and Jerry Cohn** on the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Skylar Mandell.

**Jill and Tom Dubel** on the Bat Mitzvah of their son, Logan Tyler Dubel; grandparents are Bonnie Dubel and Bruce Burns and Eileen and Elliott Singer, great-grandfather is Lewis Dubel.

**Aliza and Stephen Gottesman** on the birth of their grandson, Avi Gottesman.

**Jane and Dennis Herman** on the birth of their grandson, Grayson Charles Greene.

**Carol and Robert Keehn** on the birth of their granddaughter, Rachel Sophia Keehn.

**Ilene and Joseph Liberman** on the engagement of their son, Lee to Keri Silverstein.

**Ellen and Alvin Levi** on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Levi Przeski.

**Dr. Robert and Sharon Solof** on the birth of their twin grandsons, Adam Ethan and Benjamin Levi Altberger.

**Cindy and Arthur Terodemos** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Chapelyn Nichole Terodemos; grandparents are Dee and Harold Simons, Kathie Terodemos and Kosmas Terodemos.

**Sherri and Paul Weinblatt** on the engagement of their daughter, Erin, to Greg Friedman; grandmother is Marilyn Siegel.

**Our Deepest Sympathy to:**

**Wayne Davidson** on the loss of his beloved father, Marvin D. Davidson.

**Joan Eisenberg and Sharon Kaufman** on the loss of their beloved mother, Pearl K. Mask.

**Warren Epstein** on the loss of his beloved father, Marshall N. Epstein.

**Alyssa Geller** on the loss of her beloved grandfather, Abram Geller.

**Ronnie Glaser** on the loss of her beloved husband, Dr. Bert M. Glaser.

**Paul Levin** on the loss of his beloved wife, Gloria Beverly Levin.

**Miriam Levy** on the loss of her beloved mother, Betty Ruf.

**Debra Lurie, David, Joshua and Jillian Lurie and Lillian Blank** on the loss of their beloved husband, father and brother, Lloyd David Lurie.

**Harriette Merwitz** on the loss of her beloved husband, Edward Merwitz.

**Stephen Moss** on the loss of his beloved mother, Lois P. Moss.

**Simon P. Offit** on the loss of his beloved sister, Ethel O. Jacobs.

**Jay Rombro** on the loss of his beloved mother, Joan Klein.

**Sonia Sandler** on the loss of her beloved husband, Nathaniel Sandler.

**Dr. Lois Schuster** on the loss of her beloved husband, Marvin M. Schuster, M.D.

**Cyd Wolf and James Wolf** on the loss of their beloved mother, Sally Marcus Wolf.

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**Milestone Anniversaries:**

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Sherri and Josh Keller on their 10th

Nannette and Wesley Ludwig on their 10th

Tracey and David Sacks on their 10th

Juli and James Wolf on their 10th

Lynn Abeshouse and Irvin Tark on their 15th

Maya and Steven Brooks on their 20th

Jill and Alan Cohen on their 20th

Dara and Charles Schnee on their 20th

Jill and Jeffrey Silverman on their 20th

Jill and Marc Rosenstein on their 25th

Syndi and Robert Saltzman on their 25th

Lisa and James Abrams on their 30th

Melanie and Ronald Levine on their 35th

Iris and Arnold Hubert on their 35th

Betty and Edward Leikin on their 35th

Fran and Jeffrey Rosensweig on their 35th

Rosa and Jay Shuster on their 35th

Susan and Spencer Allen on their 40th

Robin and Arthur Barr on their 40th

Deborah and Richard Edlow on their 40th

Gail and Stanley Friedler on their 40th

Syndy and Jeffrey Gabor on their 40th

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**Bar & Bat Mitzvah**

**Bat Mitzvah**

Chapelyn Nichole Terodemos, daughter of Cindy and Arthur Terodemos, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 3, 2017.

**Bar Mitzvah**

Logan Tyler Dubel, son of Jill and Tom Dubel, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 10, 2017.

**Bat Mitzvah**

Alyse Fae Altberger, daughter of Brett and Laren Altherger, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 24, 2017.

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**In Memoriam**

Marvin D. Davidson
Dr. Bert M. Glaser
Gloria Beverly Levin
Lloyd David Lurie
Edward Merwitz
Lois P. Moss
Nathaniel Sandler
Marvin M. Schuster, M.D.
Sally Marcus Wolf

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

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**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Deena and Bruce Sindler on their 10th

Carolyn and Martin Buckman on their 30th

Holly and Robert Welteck on their 40th

Ellen and Richard Hollander on their 45th

Ellen and Thomas Mendelsohn on their 50th

Harriette and Edward Merwitz on their 50th

Alice and Howard Moffet on their 50th

Carole and Gilbert Schechter on their 50th

Phyllis and Harvey Shankman on their 50th

Anita and Howard Sherman on their 50th

Alice and Mayer Schwartz on their 55th

Carol and Bernard Smullian on their 55th

Merle and Abraham Eis on their 60th

Barbara and Herbert Lewis on their 60th

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**Phyllis and Harvey Shankman** on their 60th

**June and Robert Jacobs** on their 45th

**Marcia and Harry Hochman** on their 45th

**June and Robert Jacobs** on their 45th

**Marsye and Gary Kaplan** on their 45th

**Maxine and Paul Moskovitz** on their 45th

**Beverly and Ralph Epstein** on their 50th

**Frada and Ronal Galler** on their 55th

**Elnaye and Stanley Hyatt** on their 55th

**Elliot and Susan Weinstein** on their 55th

**Miriam and Robert Zadek** on their 65th

**Judy and Melvin Feldman** on their 65th

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**Syndi and Robert Saltzman** on their 25th

**Jill and Marc Rosenstein** on their 25th

**Jill and Jeffrey Silverman** on their 20th

**Jill and Alan Cohen** on their 20th

**Dara and Charles Schnee** on their 20th

**Jill and Jeffrey Silverman** on their 20th

**Jill and Marc Rosenstein** on their 25th

**Syndi and Robert Saltzman** on their 25th

**Lisa and James Abrams** on their 30th

**Melanie and Ronald Levine** on their 35th

**Iris and Arnold Hubert** on their 35th

**Betty and Edward Leikin** on their 35th

**Fran and Jeffrey Rosensweig** on their 35th

**Rosa and Jay Shuster** on their 35th

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**Faye and Marc Sherman** on their 40th

**Nancy and Marc Kraus** on their 40th

**Dr. Robert Jacobs** on their 45th

**Marcia and Harry Hochman** on their 45th

**June and Robert Jacobs** on their 45th

**Marsye and Gary Kaplan** on their 45th

**Maxine and Paul Moskovitz** on their 45th

**Beverly and Ralph Epstein** on their 50th

**Frada and Ronald Galler** on their 55th

**Elnaye and Stanley Hyatt** on their 55th

**Elliot and Susan Weinstein** on their 55th

**Miriam and Robert Zadek** on their 65th

**Judy and Melvin Feldman** on their 65th
Normally Alan and Sharon Dorenfeld, long-time Beth El leaders, shy away from the limelight. But when asked to be the honorees of a special “Beth El Family” celebration on Thursday, October 19, they agreed to lend their names to the event “LIVE FROM BETH EL.” This new annual event will celebrate the spirit or ruach that characterizes our synagogue and all who participate in its many spiritual, social and educational activities. The Dorenfelds agreed to be honored to help assure the success of the evening. Beverly Penn and Michael Steinhardt are the event co-chairs and they and their committees are busily planning a terrific celebratory evening along with wonderful entertainment from mentalist Marc Salem which they hope will attract 1,000 Beth El members.

The Dorenfeld family has been associated with Beth El Congregation for four generations. Alan's parents, Sylvan and Edith, first became members in the early 1950's when Beth El was located at Hilton and Dorithan Roads. Alan vividly remembers his Hebrew school education along with his Bar Mitzvah in the original building. After Sharon and Alan married in 1966, Sharon's father, Sidney Heyman and his wife Min also became members so the entire family would be together at Beth El. The Dorenfeld family has occupied the same High Holiday seats in the same row in the Offit Auditorium since the Park Heights building opened over five decades ago.

The three Dorenfeld children, Melissa, Amy and David all celebrated their B'nai Mitzvahs, attended Hebrew school and were confirmed at Beth El. Amy and her husband, Scott Steinberg, were married at Beth El. Their children, Sarah and Jake attended the Beth El Preschool and Hebrew school and also celebrated their B'nai Mitzvahs. Rabbi Mark Loeb officiated at David and Dana's wedding in Chapel Hill, NC and their daughters, Emily and Kate, celebrated their baby namings at Beth El.

The Dorenfelds treasure their affiliation with Beth El Congregation. Alan summed it up by saying, “Just walking into the synagogue and exchanging warm greetings with fellow congregants is rewarding. Sharon and I are very fortunate to have established many lifelong friendships through our membership and involvement and of course, over the years, the Clergy have made a wonderful difference as well.”

Sharon continued by saying, "Our congregants are truly wonderful people who want to come to Beth El because they actually enjoy being there. There is always something going on and anyone who wants to can get involved and make a difference.”

With such strong feelings for Beth El, it was only natural that the couple would get involved in its many activities. They both began when their children started Hebrew school. Together they helped organize the Annual Purim Carnival and other family events. Sharon concentrated her efforts preparing Shabbat lunches following Shabbat Children Services and was always active in the Children's Chanukah Gift Shop. She is also a proud member of the Beth El Sisterhood, saying that “the Beth El Sisterhood is an open and welcoming group to be with.” Alan began his service to the congregation as a member of the Board of Trustees in the mid 1980's along with the Budget and Finance Committee. Subsequently, he held all of the synagogue offices, culminating by serving as President of the Congregation from 1995-1997.

In 1995, Beth El launched its first Capital and Endowment fundraising campaign and as president, Alan worked with and recruited many Beth El members for leadership positions. While Alan was admired for his exceptional leadership, dedication and organization skills, no one could predict how effective he would be as a fundraiser. The campaign raised $7 million: $4 million for capital projects including the Gorn Chapel, expansion of the school building, and the addition of the 2nd floor administration wing. Of critical importance to the future of the congregation was the funding of $3 million to start the Beth El Endowment Fund.

Soon after the successful 1995-1998 campaign, Beth El faced up to the realization that the synagogue could not count on annual membership dues to cover its expenses. In response to this need, the Synagogue established the Development Office with Alan serving as Director of Development. The response by a supportive congregation has been overwhelming. From the Annual Appeal Campaign to MITZVAH 613, along with other special projects, Alan's tenure, which ended in 2006, was successful. Alan recently served as a volunteer for the recently concluded Capital and Endowment Campaign, which when fully funded, will enable the Beth El Endowment to exceed $10 million. In 2006, Alan became the Executive Director of Israel Bonds Maryland until his recent retirement.

Sharon and Alan express their sincere thanks to Beth El for all that the synagogue has done for them and for the entire Dorenfeld family for many years. They are truly honored by this wonderful recognition.
Soul Center Events

For all events at the Alvin and Lois Lapidus Center for Healing & Spirituality, RSVP to rachels@bethelbalto.com. Visit soulcenterbaltimore.org for more information.

Evening Meditation Sits
Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, and July 11, 18, 25 at 8:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, and July 5, 12, 19, 26, at 5:45 p.m.

These 30-minute transformational gatherings will allow you to step out of the busyness of your life and experience the benefits of being present in the moment and free of self-judgment. $10/person. Generously sponsored by Robert & Florence Chertkof

Torah Yoga
Sundays, June 4, 18, 25 and July 2, 9, 23, 30, at 9:30 a.m.

This yoga class will include 10 minutes of inspirational Torah at the beginning, and then a full hour-long yoga class. Please bring a mat and a water bottle. The yoga class will accommodate all levels of ability, showing modifications to poses to increase the difficulty level. $10/person. Class begins in the Soul Center. Yoga is held in the Community Room.

Healing Service
Wednesday, June 14, at 9:15 a.m.

Rabbi Dana Saroken will lead a healing/prayer circle focused on “Living with Loss.”

YOGAhikes
Sunday, June 11, at Oregon Ridge, at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, July 16, at Gunpowder State Park, at 10:30 a.m.

Let’s combine a vigorous hike and off-the-mat yoga to create 90 minutes of well-being for mind, body and soul. Join Dagmar Bohlmann and Kimberlee Strome for 90-minute YOGAhikes on selected Sundays. $20/person. Registration preferred.

Caregiver Café
Thursdays, June 15 & July 20, at 2:00 p.m.

These monthly gatherings, co-sponsored by Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and Jewish Community Services, will provide support, connection, and strength to all caregivers.

Soul Center in the Press

The Soul Center was recently featured in the Baltimore Sun in an article entitled “Baltimore faith communities host challenges, health initiatives to encourage healthier eating.” Visit soulcenterbaltimore.org/press to read this article.
This is now the 20th summer that I’ve spent running laps at the local high school track. Down a hill on the track’s eastern side are the school’s athletic fields – three baseball diamonds, two soccer ‘pitches’ and a lacrosse field. As I run around the southeast corner of the track, I have a full view of one of the baseball diamonds that lasts for about 30 seconds or so, until my jogging puts the field behind me, out of my line of sight.

Yesterday, there were two coaches walking a team of 14- or 15-year-old boys through a series of infield drills. It seemed to me a tryout for the team. The coaches wanted to see what the boys could do, what their skills were, which of them could field a hard grounder or catch a fly ball. The boys were stacked in 2s and 3s at each base. The coach would hit a grounder towards first, second, third, or short, and the boy at the front of that line would be charged with fielding the ball, and then making the proper play, generally throwing to first base.

There was one particular boy who caught my eye. He wore a dirty white t-shirt, nondescript gray sweats, and an old logo-less baseball cap. The boy had longish hair (the look I remember from the 70s when I was growing up, that seems to come back every 10 years or so). He did not move with the smooth grace of some of his friends. Stationed at first, I watched the coach hit the ball in his direction. He backed up slightly and stabbed his glove downward as the ball slipped through his legs. "Take another one!" the coach yelled out. This ball to the boy’s left. It caught the bottom of his glove and dribbled up the first base line. He hung his head and walked to the back of the line.

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I know what that feels like. We all do, in one way or another. Something we desperately want, someone we desperately want to be. And then that (terrible) moment when we realize it just isn’t going to work out the way we had hoped or even dreamed. In my mind I imagined the coach posting a list of names somewhere, those who had been chosen, selected to participate in a long summer of golden evenings, balls and strikes, wins and losses. And this young man walking down to see the list, knowing in his heart his name was not there, but needing to look, to confirm it. He goes when he knows no one else will be there. Alone, facing his fate. His eye runs over the list once or twice and not seeing his name, he turns his back and slowly walks home.

A bit later they had switched to fielding fly balls. The boy caught my eye again as a high ball sailed to his right. He tracked the flight of the baseball, ran, raised his glove, and there was a satisfying pop as the ball settled into the glove’s webbing. He casually transferred the ball to his throwing arm and threw it back to the infield. I thought, in the distance, I could see the hint of a smile on his face.

The Talmud teaches that a person cannot stand by words of Torah unless he has failed at them (Gittin 43a). That is to say through failure we grow, and ultimately in that growth we can find success and meaning. We might say the same thing about baseball. And even life itself.
Sisterhood Presidents' Report

As we reflect on 2016-2017, Sisterhood has had a busy and successful year. Since the opening brunch, our members have been involved in a variety of activities and projects.

Sisterhood is proud to report that the membership committee added over 50 new members to our roster. We welcome all new members and urge them to become an integral part of Sisterhood. This year, three evening events were held to meet and greet our new members. The featured speakers focused on women's health issues, fashion and “good reads” by librarians from the Baltimore County Public Library. These events were open to all Sisterhood members.

In March, we held our third annual Game Day which attracted 130 women who enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of games. A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers who run the Judaica Shop. It had, as always, a very successful year. Biblio, our monthly book club, provided our members and guests with the opportunity to discuss selected books. Our two petite luncheons and rabbis' book reviews were well received. Rabbi Dana Saroken and Rabbi Steven Schwartz enriched our understanding of the books. Rabbi Schwartz reviewed The Underground Railroad and Rabbi Saroken chose to review Henna House. Both reviews proved to be thought provoking. The Decorative Arts Committee distributed lovely handmade afghans to those who were ill or homebound. The Archives Committee continued to work on the final phase of Sisterhood's history. Fundraising for The Jewish Theological Seminary again welcomed 44 members as benefactors. The money raised goes directly to the Jewish Theological Seminary where conservative rabbis, cantors and teachers are educated. In April, the annual Joint Sisterhood dinner for six conservative synagogue sisterhoods was held at Beth El. Our Sisterhood was represented by 130 members. The “no-donor” committee collected a sizable amount of money which Sisterhood contributed to Beth El Congregation and schools. The Bat Mitzvah year of Unique Boutique was held. The many volunteers, the variety of vendors and, of course, the shoppers made this a most successful 13th year. As is traditional, Sisterhood conducted the annual Sisterhood Shabbat service on May 13. The service was led by Sisterhood members and was followed by a lovely Kiddush reception. This year’s activities concluded on May 22 with the closing luncheon, installation of officers and board members, and program by concert pianist Dr. Solomon Eichner.

Sisterhood was proud to present funds raised throughout the year to the Congregation and Beth El schools. Beth El Sisterhood was named to receive the Jewels in the Crown award by the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism. This award will be presented at the League’s Convention in July.

As Beth El Sisterhood approaches its 70th year, we look back with pride to all the successes achieved by our members. We wish you all an enjoyable, healthy and safe summer. We are looking forward to an exciting 2017-2018. It has been our pleasure to serve as your co-presidents this year. Sincerely, Barbara Levenson and Ilene Merenbloom

Sisterhood would like to extend a sincere thanks to the following chairwomen who helped make our year so successful:

**Agus Library**
Marlene Siegel and Barbara Berkowitz

**Archives**
Ilene Merenbloom, Rae Shalowitz and Judi Snyder

**Biblio**
Rita Silverman and Barbara Berkowitz

**Bride's Book**
Marta Braverman

**Budget & Finance**
Glenda Chernoff and Bette Dahne

**Caring**
Eunice Friedman and Helene Levi

**Cultural Trips**
Linda Mondell, Ellen Wiesenberger, Robin Kleiman, and Marlene Siegel

**Decorations**
Roz Kurman and Ruth Green

**Decorative Arts**
Rhona Sober

**Donor**
Phyllis Cutler and Bette Dahne

**Dreidel Shop**
Tammy Schnydmann

**Federation**
Estelle Kabik and Judy Rosenberg

**Food**
Judy Pachino and Marlene Siegel

**Game Day**
Suzanne Horowitz and Ruth Hurwitz

**Goal/Strategies**
Dale Kahn and Marlene Morrison

**Joint Sisterhood**
Betsy Narrow and Sharon Dorenfeld

**JTS**
Jane Krosin, Hilda Dopkin, and Gail Shugerman

**Judaica Shop**
Beverly Penn, Anita Steinberg and Michelle Azwalinsky

**Landscaping**
Brenda Weil Mandel

**Luncheon Reservations**
Esther Harris and Marcia Boonshaft

**Membership**
Judith Pachino

**Nominating**
Janet Penn

**Notifications**
Judi Snyder

**Photography**
Janet Penn

**Prayers**
Gail Lipsitz and Tammy Schnydmann

**Programs**
Norma Axel and Ilene Merenbloom

**Publicity**
Helen Bronstein and Alice Levin

**Rabbi's Book Review**
Alice Levin and Judy Pachino

**Seaboard**
Phyllis Kline and Leslie Papel

**School Liaisons**
Saralynn Glass and Tammy Schnydmann

**Sisterhood Shabbat**
Frida Fraiman and Merle Intner

**Social Action Subscription**
Nancy Medin and Tammy Schnydmann

**Luncheons**
June Sacks

**Unique Boutique**
Sonia Obstler and Helen Bronstein

**Unique Boutique Raffle**
Rafael Benincasa

**Unique Boutique Volunteer Coordinators**
Roz Kurman and Cherie Stewart
Trip to Arena Stage
Sunday, July 16, 2017, from 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

We invite you and your friends to join us on our trip to Arena Stage, Sunday, July 16, to see the “second” premiere production of The Originalist written by John Strand. Many have an opinion about Justice Antonin Scalia, whose sudden death caused much uproar and controversy. He was one of the most polarizing and was inarguably the most combative jurists in American history. It is unlikely that anyone will emerge from Mr. Strand’s play with a radically changed view from Justice Scalia’s ideas, but, Mr. Strand suggests that even with his expressed contempt for the views of the liberal wing of the court, he actually did possess a heart. This one-act, 100-minute show is directed with brisk dialogue and operatic works of Mozart, Donizetti and Verdi, a nod to the justice’s well-known love of opera.

Our Superior Bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. and will arrive in Washington in time for you to have lunch on your own in one of the restaurants close to the theatre or at the cafe in the Arena Stage. You will be provided with the names and phone numbers of the restaurants that are in a three to four block range of the theatre.

Cost: $125 per person. The form can be obtained on the Beth El website or at the Beth El reception desk. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Linda Mondell at 410-486-1542 (lhmondell@gmail.com) or Ellen Wiesenberger at 410-484-6411 (ellentw@comcast.net).

Trip to Washington, D.C.
Tuesday, October 17, 2017, from 7:45 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Join us for an enjoyable and enlightening day at the National Museum of African History and Culture. The museum has five floors of exhibits that depict major periods of African American history beginning with the origins in Africa and continuing into the 21st Century. You will find the scope and depth of these exhibits fascinating.

Lunch is on your own in the Sweet Home Café located in the museum. Please note that you cannot leave the museum and then return. Therefore, there may be lines to obtain food and drinks.

Cost: $75 per person. Since you must go through a security check, use a small handbag for this trip. We suggest you wear comfortable shoes.

Registration is now open. Forms are available on the Beth El website (bethelbalto.com) and at the Beth El reception desk. Remember, only one check and one form for each person in an envelope. If you have questions, please contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844 (marlenebsiegel@comcast.net) or Robin Kleiman at 410-653-0113 (robin.kleiman@comcast.net).

Unique Boutique 2017
Thank You!

Unique Boutique could not have been so successful without the support of the hundreds of volunteers and members of the Beth El family. Our heartfelt thanks to all of the following individuals:

The vendors, both new and old, who contributed their effort and financial support. Ilene Merenbloom, Roz Kurman and Cherie Stewart who coordinated volunteer assignments; Anita Sherman and Sandy G. Gordon who collected hundreds of raffle and silent auction items; Phyllis Cutler and Honey Litman and team who managed the cafe; Brenda Mandel and Barbara Mendelson and team who selected and sold flowers; Alice Kuryk, Bette Dahne, Glenda Chernoff, Nancy Medin, Arlene Perloff and Ellie Spind who handled financial matters; Hulane Zolet for her homemade chocolate pretzels and her donation of all proceeds to the event; Beverly Penn and Anita Steinberg and team for managing the gift shop; Barbara Levenson and Ilene Merenbloom, co-presidents, who gave their support to this event; Alyssa Geller who coordinated publicity within our community; Joshua Bender who bought the remaining flowers for the congregation; Michael Ray and his staff who organized the auditorium and gave support to the vendors each day; Rabbi Steven Schwartz, Rabbi Dana Saroken and Cantor Thom King for their support; Lori Downing and Lindsay Addison who coordinated food needs; the ladies of the office—Diane Cole, Sandi Block, and Yvonne Epstein, Sarah Rohan; Dr. Eyal Bor and all the Beth El School staff for their support; and Steven Obstler who provided signage and computer assistance.

A heartfelt thank you to all Sisterhood volunteers who worked to make this day so successful and brought their spirit and enthusiasm to the event.

Fondly, Helen Bronstein and Sonia Obstler
Co-Chairs, Unique Boutique

Biblio Closing Luncheon

You are invited to join us at Biblio’s closing luncheon to be held on Wednesday, June 14 at noon in the Myers Auditorium. Bring a dairy lunch, and for $7.50, be treated to an array of decadent desserts and ice cream sundaes Paula Gallagher of the Pikesville Library will review outstanding reads from the current and future season. Send your check to Beth El Congregation, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, 21208 Attn: Joan Flaks.
June is a busy month with graduations, weddings, Father’s Day and travel. If you are shopping for a gift or to fill a personal need, you can make it easy with one stop in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop. We offer you a diversified selection and knowledgeable people to assist you.

For those of you who have been searching for a 2017 Mah Jongg card, your quest ends at the Judaica Shop. We have both small and large print cards available for purchase.

The Gift Shop will close on Friday, June 30, for the summer. We will be open by appointment only. Please call Beverly Penn 410-746-3150 or Anita Steinberg 410-653-2977 for an appointment.

Thank you for your shopping with us! Have a safe and wonderful summer!

The Social Action Committee is, once again, asking for any available congregants to help with our transportation efforts. We have members who need rides to and from medical appointments. Waiting for the congregant is not necessary; one volunteer can drop off and another can do the pick-up.

Please contact Paul Sheitel if you are willing to help. His contact information is 443-604-3178 or pshilet09@gmail.com.

On Friday, May 12, Beth El, in conjunction with the Social Action Committee, hosted a Friday night Shabbat Service for members of the LGBTQ community. A welcoming reception was part of the Shabbat service.

A big thank you to Barbara Green and all those who participated in organizing and delivering Passover food to community members who otherwise would have difficulty celebrating the holiday as well as the clients of Chana.

The Beth El Seniors will be holding their July dinner meeting on Sunday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Myers Auditorium. The cost for the evening is $21 for members and $24 for non-members. Our entertainment for the evening will be Jennalyn Yon. This is our final dinner for the season. Please join us! This is one not to be missed.

Reservations and payments are due no later than June 26, 2017. Please advise if you would like a sugar-free dessert and with whom you would like to be seated. The seating committee will do its best to accommodate your seating wishes. Reservations received after June 26, 2017 will not be accepted. Mark envelope “Ruthye.”

Mail to Beth El Seniors, 8101 Park Heights Ave. Baltimore, MD 21208.

We offer an evening with entertainment, dinner, and pleasant company. Join us and we won’t be strangers anymore. Tell your friends! For further information, call Ruthye Steinberg at 410-655-8242 or Ellen Budish at 443-857-7499.

Beth El Seniors is always welcoming new members 50 years of age or older to join our active organization. Dues are only $18 per person/$36 for a couple for a year. Each of our dinner meetings includes enjoyable entertainment for a price of $21 per member. Where else can you get such a deal? Contact Marcia Friedlander at 443-352-8233 for a membership application.

A project of the Beth El Seniors is to support the care 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 every 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 contact Dorothy Fineblum at 410-653-2631. These all-purpose cards are six for $10 or $2 each.
Yom Yerushalayim
By: Ben Kreshtool

As the flames went upward, the Jews made a great clamor, such as so mighty an affliction required, and ran together to prevent it: and now they spared not their lives any longer, nor suffered anything to restrain their force, since that holy house was perishing, for whose sake it was that they kept such a guard about it.” So writes Josephus about that fateful day on the 9th of Av as the smoke from the Holy Temple ascended to the heavens like the smoke from an obscene sacrifice, taking the dreams of our people with it. For 2,000 years we have mourned that loss as our people have endured exile from our land, and humiliation and murder at the hands of our oppressors in Europe and other foreign lands. In our prayer books we pray for the return to Zion and the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

In June of 1967, battle weary IDF troops were sluggishly pushing their way through the Old City. During Israel’s War for Independence, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan occupied the city and forbade Jewish people from worshiping at our most Holy sites. Remembering this historic injustice, IDF jeeps, trucks and soldiers moved on down the ancient cobble stones of the city. On the morning of June 7, 1967 a voice came over the military radio “Har HaBayit B’yadeinu!” “The Temple Mount is in our hands!” The voice belongs to Motta Gur, commander of the 55th Paratrooper Brigade, whose soldiers unified the city of Jerusalem. On that day, soldiers kissed the stones of the Kotel and a shofar sounded from the top of the city’s iconic walls and once again, Jerusalem became our unified and eternal capital.

Jerusalem is a city of dreams. Its stones carved by tears and by prayers, have a special energy to those who touch them. Its streets are streets where kings and prophets walked and where a people came together to celebrate and to worship. It is a city where ancient blends effortlessly with modern and it is the city of the foundation stone, the very stone that God made when He spoke the words that created the world and the very stone upon which Avraham revealed his faith. It is the city that we have mourned and celebrated for all our history.

We celebrate Jerusalem Day on the 28th of Iyar in the spirit of the words of Psalm 122 “Jerusalem, you are built as a city that is compact together… Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem, may they prosper those who love You. Peace be within Your walls and prosperity within Your Palaces.” May we soon see peace in our eternal and unified capital city, Jerusalem, soon in our days.
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Upcoming Events

1st Wednesdays @ Beth El

HaTikvah (The Hope): Overcoming Adversity
Wednesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m.

We welcome pianist Lior Willinger as he explores the theme of hope in the face of adversity. Each work on this program is a struggle for a better world. The Negro Spiritual Down by the Riverside is a yearning to reach the Promised Land of the North, to make it above the Ohio River where slavery was prohibited. I.X.1905 is Janacek’s heartbreaking response to the tragic killing of an innocent civilian during a demonstration for a Czech university in Brno. Beethoven’s monumental Piano Variations are a bold, powerful statement of hope and a wholehearted yearning for freedom. The work is based on a theme from his ballet The Creatures of Prometheus. The same theme was later used for the fourth movement of his Eroica Symphony. The music encourages and empowers us to find our own inner hero and help make the world a better place above all odds.

This program is free and open to the community.

Beth El Choir 20th Anniversary Celebration
Friday, June 9, at 6:00 p.m.

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Beth El Choir, a musical Shabbat service composed by Cantor Thom King will be held in the Berman-Rubin Sanctuary. A wine and hors d’oeuvres reception will follow the service. Sponsorships available.

Please contact Yvonne Epstein in the Beth El office at 410-484-0411 or yvonne@bethelbalto.com.

Summer Onegs
Fridays, June 9, July 14, August 18, at 6:45 p.m.

Please join us for our summer onegs! After services on these Friday evenings, we will have a lovely oneg under the evening sky. Come join us for chilled wines, an array of delicious appetizers, and most importantly time to foster relationships within the Beth El community.

Contact Yvonne Epstein at yvonne@bethelbalto.com if you would like to co-sponsor an oneg for $18/oneg.

Beth El Memorial Park Open House
Monday, June 5, from 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

22 acres located South of Marriottsville Rd.

Individual, Interfaith and Family Lots Available

NEW SECTION NOW OPEN!
The Voice of Beth El Congregation

Robert Slatkin

Our new section, “Shem Tov,” highlights an individual in the Beth El community who has made a positive impact through their acts of kindness and their dedication to Beth El. Time and time again, Robert Slatkin has proven he is worthy of the title.

“Robert is a class act all the way,” Rabbi Steven Schwartz said. “A real mensch, always wondering what he can do to help Beth El or any other organization he is involved in. Whatever he is doing he brings his characteristic good humor, his natural warmth, his intelligence, and his love of Judaism and the Jewish people. We are lucky to have him as part of the Beth El family!”

Slatkin was born and raised in Baltimore and moved through several synagogues with his family before meeting and eventually marrying his wife, Eva, in 1973. While attending The Associated’s Young Leadership Program, he discovered the person who would lead him to Beth El Congregation.

“There was a rabbi that came to speak and I was very impressed with him,” Slatkin said. “I said, ‘Maybe we should join his synagogue?’ That would have been Rabbi Loeb.”

Robert and Eva have been members for over 35 years and their three sons previously attended Hebrew school and were Bar Mitzvahed at the synagogue.

“I like the people. I like the staff. The rabbis are wonderful. I just like the atmosphere. They are all wonderful, caring people and they believe in the importance of Judaism.”

Since then, Robert has become an integral part of many committees inside and outside of Beth El. His past credits include being on the Board of Trustees, The Associated’s Social Action Task Force, and Social Action co-chair. Currently, he is still a member of the Social Action committee, the Environmental Committee, the Israel Affairs Committee, and has co-chaired the Annual Appeal with Arnold Fruman for the past 12 years. Every Christmas Eve, Robert delivers donuts and sodas to the police and firemen with Hulane Zolet, Mark Rome, and Dr. Paul Sheitel He even facilitated the Annual Paper Shredding Drives for the community as part of the Environmental Committee’s efforts to recycle paper.

Along with Beth El member Dr. Paul Sheitel, Robert has become involved in providing transportation to members in need. One to two days a week, he takes his friend and former Social Action co-chair Betty Zlotowitz, to her appointments, but hopes to see more Beth El members sign up to help their fellow congregants.

“I like to do things that impact people,” he said.

Robert is also the President of the Baltimore Zionist District, Beth El’s representative for Israel Bonds with Sonya Goodman, and previously served on the Board of the JCC and committee of the Jewish Film Festival.

During his free time, Robert enjoys spending time and fishing with his six grandchildren, watching English murder mysteries on TV, volunteering, and weekly dinners with his family.

“Robert is a true friend, a great listener and easy to work with,” Director of Education Dr. Eyal Bor said. “His love for the State of Israel and Beth El are exemplary. Beth El is blessed to have his leadership, dedication and kindness.”

Shem Tov: A Good Name

The Shem Tov is a new section that will be included in the Voice from time to time that highlights an individual in our community who has made a positive impact through their acts of kindness, and their dedication to Beth El. “Shem tov” is a used in Jewish tradition to refer to a righteous person who does good in the world.
School News

Beatrice & Hyman Katz Memorial Award Recipient: Jared Corvilla

The Beatrice & Hyman Katz Memorial Award is given to a student in the Beth El schools who demonstrates academic achievement and leadership abilities.

Jared Rhodes Corvilla has attended religious school at Beth El since he was four years old. His fondest memories are of learning through music from Morot Becky and Melanie, and having meaningful discussions in class with Rabbi Austin. He is appreciative of his teachers like Morah Tamar and Morah Shelly who provided him with opportunities to be artistic and creative. While he’s always excelled academically, Jared is really driven by the social scene at school. He feels a special kinship with his classmates, and that the awesome friendships gained while in religious school will stand the test of time.

“Jared Corvilla is a true example of a young mensch. He is a very warm and friendly young man who treats his classmates, teachers and the administrative team with courtesy and respect,” Director of Education Dr. Eyal Bor said. “He loves Beth El and is always willing to volunteer in any way he can.”

He doesn’t seek out leadership opportunities, but when given a task he rises to the challenge, and without meaning to, has become a role model for “derech eretz” both in and outside of the classroom.

“In today’s busy environment for teenagers, Jared always finds the time to get involved in Jewish activities, learning and is active in social action projects,” Bor said. “He is so worthy of The Beatrice & Hyman Katz Memorial Award, which he will be the first to receive.”

Yom HaAtzmaut

Our preschool students celebrated Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel’s 69th birthday, with a special outdoor program.

Shabbat Services for Children

Tot Shabbat

Join Morah Becky for an interactive service filled with song, prayer, puppets and Torah stories. For kids up to 5 years old and their families.

June 3 (Pre-K honored), June 10
11:15 a.m. in the Kreitzer Memorial Room

Thank you to the Beth El Sisterhood

Dear Ilene and Dale,

On behalf of the students of Beth El Schools (Infant/ Toddler, Preschool, Hebrew school, Neighborhood schools, Achshav, Schmooze) and Adult Education, I would like to thank you for your generous gift in the amount of $28,800.

Your money will help to raise the quality of our programs. Sisterhood has always been kind, generous and supportive of all our educational programming. With your generosity, we are confident in initiating new programs because we know that you will always support us. That is why we are so thankful to you and respect Sisterhood, which is full of energy, creativity, imagination and organization.

May you go from strength to strength!

Dr. Eyal Bor, Ph.D.
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Thank you in advance for your patience and pardon our dust as we complete several renovations this summer including the Offit Kitchen, the Ladies Bathroom, and 2 classrooms in our school facility. The renovations will begin at the end of June and will be completed by September 1. These capital projects have been made possible by the generous contributions made through the Generations Campaign.

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