Celebrate the Uncertainty

By Rabbi Dana Saroken

Last month I had the opportunity to see *Dear Evan Hansen* — a musical that proved to be worthy of the rave reviews it’s been receiving. Themes of invisibility and disconnection loomed large on the Broadway stage and based on the sniffles surrounding me, these themes seemed to hit close to home for many. Quickly, we learned that things were not as they appeared.

The story of Megillat Esther that we tell at Purim has remarkably similar themes. If you pay close attention to the story of Esther you quickly learn that things aren’t at all what they seem: Esther’s story reminds us or perhaps teaches us that our lives can change in an instant. That without warning, our lives can be turned upside down. Every single person in the Purim story shares this experience. In an instant, their lives change forever. This was true for Queen Vashti, one of the most powerful women alive, in one of the grandest empires in the world. The beautiful Vashti makes a decision to refuse her husband’s request that she parade around in front of him and his inner circle. Because of her refusal, she is thrown out of the palace, exiled from the kingdom, powerless, alone and without a plan. And then there’s Esther: Again, in an instant, her life changes forever. After Vashti is exiled, Esther, an orphan of meager means, ends up in a beauty pageant and ultimately becomes the queen of the great empire.

Then we have Mordechai, a man who is slated for death, who ends up surviving the attempted genocide, and, without warning, becomes the second most powerful man in the land.

There is the evil and wicked Haman who has all the power he needs to issue edicts. Haman uses that power in destructive ways and constructs a plan for the genocide of the Jewish People. Yada, yada, yada – as Seinfeld used to say – and suddenly, in an instant, the mighty Haman finds himself pulling the carriage and, ultimately, hanging from a tree.

Every single one of these people live out, through this crazy narrative, the truth of life...that in an instant...with a phone call, a Facebook post, a doctor visit, a conversation, a text, a wanton glance...everything can be turned upside down and suddenly our lives will never be the same. Purim reminds us, or perhaps teaches us, that even in the most seemingly predictable moments of our lives...something can and will happen that will change things. Perhaps we need a drink because knowing this can be terrifying!

But the great wisdom of Purim and Megillat Esther is that they teach us that when the world leaves us feeling vulnerable, when we are living in moments of uncertainty, when our world feels like it’s falling apart, we need to have ways and resources to help us endure the chaos, the unpredictable and the uncertainties. The wisdom that Megillat Esther and Purim teach us is that there ARE things that we can do and resources that we can draw on during such times: First, we learn that our greatest blessing can be people; the people who love you and who show up to cry with you or to hold you or to offer you their car, a meal, or to just be with you in your darkest hours. The people who remember to check in on you and who stick by your side. Megillat Esther and our tradition mandate that we acknowledge those people...that we send them sweet care packages (mishloach manot) for being important people in our lives. The laws of Purim insist that we do something else: that we give. That we give generously and that we give to anyone and everyone who asks. That we give money to the poor and for those in need (matanot l’evyonim) to remind us that today, we might have an abundance, but in any moment — our fortune can turn so we must give while we can, and all that we can, to those who need.

Inevitably in life, some days will feel orderly, predictable and certain, and others will feel like Purim...chaotic, unpredictable and crazy... The wisdom of Purim is to teach us that we can endure the chaos and the unpredictable times in life. And that in precisely those moments of vulnerability and fear, through giving of ourselves and gathering with others, with a determination to celebrate the blessings and the joys that life will bring (even in our darkest hours), we can endure both personally and communally. We always have and, please God, we always will! Chag sameach!
The Beth El Family

In Memoriam

Robert Barbash
Stanford “Sonny” Bensky
Rosalie S. Berman
Annette Bluestein
Rudolph Cohen
Jack Barry Coonin
Suzanne Keeney
Marvin M. Satisky

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

Our Deepest Sympathy to:
The Family of Robert Barbash.
Lois “Cookie” Bensky on the loss of her beloved husband, Stanford “Sonny” Bensky.
The Family of Rosalie S. Berman.
Sylvan Bluestein on the loss of his beloved wife, Annette Bluestein.
Ashley Chertkof on the loss of her beloved stepfather, Jerome B. Trout, Jr.
Genia Tishman Cohen on the loss of her beloved husband, Rudolph Cohen.
Myra, Sara and Josh Coonin on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Jack Barry Coonin.
Jerry Fine on the loss of his beloved brother, Robert Seth Baylin.
Burton H. Gold on the loss of his beloved brother, Barry A. Gold.
Martin Katz on the loss of his beloved sister, Anna Goodman.
Rob Pearson, a member of our maintenance team, on the loss of his beloved mother, Leennet Pearson.
Laraine Satisky, Lori Downing, Sharon Lynn and Michael Satisky on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Marvin M. Satisky.
Jory Schunick on the loss of his beloved father, Dr. Howard Schunick.
William Keene, Kenneth Schwartz, Bethann Talbot and Jules Shaivitz on the loss of their beloved wife, mother and sister, Suzanne Keeney.
Lillian Shapiro on the loss of her beloved son, Ira Melvin Shapiro.

Our Heartiest Mazel Tov to:
Barbara and Ron Adler on the birth of their grandson, Simon Burke Adler.
Sandi and Richard Block on the marriage of their son Neal, to Bronwyn Cunningham.
Dr. Stanley and Gail Friedler on the birth of their granddaughter, Paitin Rose Hankla.
Drs. Elizabeth and Jonathan Golub on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zack Ethan Golub; grandparents are Carol and Jerry Golub and Eileen and Elliot Topper.
Betty and Mark Jontiff on the birth of their granddaughter, Jordyn Olivia Sandler.
Robyn Katz and Andy Katz on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, Riley Lauren Katz; grandparents are Linda and Robert Glassman, Sandy and Allan Kash and Ruth and Larry Katz.
Dr. Lloyd and Rachel Lachow on the engagement of their daughter, Jordana, to Toyam Cox; grandparents are Mollye and Milton Bereson.
Regan and Chris La Testa on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rylee Morgan La Testa; grandparents are Sandy and Myron Kreitzer and Nancy Mamo; great-grandmother is Evelyn Berman.

Beth El Baby:
Paitin Rose Hankla
Parents are Lauren Friedler Hankla and Quintin C. Hankla.
Grandparents are Dr. Stanley and Gail Friedler.

Myles and Cheryl Lichtenberg on the engagement of his daughter, Eden Rebecca Lichtenberg, to Justin Kleeman; grandparents are Barbara Offit Lichtenberg and Edward Lichtenberg.
Jamie and Debbie Lubliner on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jenna Rachel Lubliner; grandparents are Susan and John Aboisch, Lyn Lubliner and great-grandmother is Naomi Cohen.
Dilip and Tracey Paliath on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, Hannah Mary Paliath; grandparents are Claire Cohen and Elsie and George Paliath.
Ilene and Donald Penn and Cathy and Sheldon Kalish on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Rebecca Krantz.
Marjorie and Ron Rubin on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Leilani Rubin.
Ron and Connie Shillman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Justin Thomas Shillman; grandparents are Joan and Rick Kark, Mick Melcher and Joy and Norman Shillman.

Milestone Anniversaries:
Stephanie and Lee Brody on their 5th
Harriet and Robert Rosoff on their 10th
Lisa and Bryan Schultz on their 10th
Joy and Alan Kobin on their 15th
Marilyn and David Mendelsohn on their 25th
Wendy and Ira Perlberg on their 25th
Joan and Fred Cohen on their 30th
Rachael and Jeffrey Nesson on their 30th
Robin and Ronald Soffer on their 30th
Ann and Lee Mantelmacher on their 35th
Cindy and Daniel Neuman on their 35th
Sandra and Malcolm Berman on their 60th
Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Bat Mitzvah
Hannah Mary Paliath, daughter of Tracey and Dilip Paliath, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 4, 2017.

Bar Mitzvah
Justin Thomas Shillman, son of Ron and Connie Shillman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 11, 2017.

Bat Mitzvah
Jenna Rachel Lubliner, daughter of Jamie and Debbie Lubliner, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 18, 2017.

Bar Mitzvah
Zack Ethan Golub, son of Drs. Elizabeth and Jonathan Golub, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah during Havdallah services on April 1, 2017.

Bat Mitzvah
Riley Lauren Katz, daughter of Robyn Katz and Andy Katz, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 25, 2017.

Bat Mitzvah
Rylee Morgan La Testa, daughter of Regan and Chris La Testa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 4, 2017.

Bat Mitzvah
Hannah Mary Paliath, daughter of Tracey and Dilip Paliath, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 4, 2017.

Purim Events

Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch will be available.
$7 per family in advance; $10 at the door.
Games, prizes and fun for all ages!
Please send payment to Fran Davis in the Religious School office.

James Bond: License to Kvell
Saturday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.
Join us in the Berman-Rubin Sanctuary for a James Bond themed Megillah Reading, followed by a “007 Heaven” Purim celebration in the Offit Auditorium featuring food, drinks, and surprises.
Come dressed as your favorite Bond hero (or villain). A prize will be awarded for best Bond costume.

Family Purim Celebration
Sunday, March 12, at 9:45 a.m.
Hamantaschen For Everyone!
Students will join the congregation for an Interactive Megillah Reading and Costume Contest! Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are invited. Costumes will be judged in three categories: Preschool/Infant and Toddler, K-3rd and 4th-6th. Please do not send weapons as props with costumes.
FIRST PLACE PRIZE: $36 Gift Card
SECOND PLACE PRIZE: $25 Gift Card
THIRD PLACE PRIZE: $18 Gift Card
Students can choose between a Barnes and Noble Gift Card or a Target Gift Card. The Community Purim Carnival will be on March 5th! There will be a costume parade at the Carnival as well!
Today’s conversation about immigration has deeply touched the Jewish community. As comfortable as we are in the United States, it is always important for us to remember where we’ve come from. In a sense, we might say that the Jewish story began with two journeys. The first was the journey of Abraham, who decided to leave his native land in search of a new faith. In the course of his travels, as he wandered from place to place, and as he crossed borders with the hope of finding a home, he entered into a covenantal relationship with God that still resonates in our lives today.

The second Jewish journey was undertaken not by an individual, but by the entire nation. Some 3,500 years ago, a group of our ancestors decided to follow a man named Moses. He convinced them that they could leave behind the slavery of Egypt. He told them there was a Promised Land that was waiting for them. The Torah tells us the ancient Israelites left Egypt in the middle of the night, packing their belongings in haste. That moment was the beginning of a long and arduous journey, a forty-year wandering through the wilderness that ultimately led them to a place of freedom and dignity.

Of course there have been countless other Jewish journeys in the course of time, some forced, and others taken freely. As the Muslim civilization grew to power in the 7th century, Jews followed trade routes and established small communities on the Iberian Peninsula. In the late 800s, Jews gradually made their way into Europe, settling in small villages along the Rhine River, and in Italy and France. There were forced expulsions and exiles—from the land of Israel to Babylonia in 586 BCE, from England in 1290, and, of course, from Spain in 1492. Each time, the Jews packed their few belongings and began another journey—searching for a home, searching for freedom.

Here is the story of one Jewish journey that is worth considering today. It begins fairly recently in the long scope of Jewish history, on the 13th day of May, in the year 1939. On that day, a young woman named Regina Adler boarded a boat called the SS St. Louis in Hamburg, Germany. There were 937 passengers on that boat, almost all of them Jewish. They were afraid, fleeing a country they had believed to be a safe haven, a place where until recently they thought they could live freely as both Jews and Germans. Regina was born in Austria, Hungary in 1897, but had come to Germany with her parents as a teenager.

When the ship set sail, the destination was Havana and, despite difficult conditions on board, the trip went smoothly. Every passenger on the ship left Germany with proper documentation and permits that should have allowed them to enter Cuba, but when the boat arrived at the Havana port, they were told all permits had been revoked and they were forced to remain on board. In desperation, the boat headed for American shores, but it was met by US Coast Guard ships and told in no uncertain terms that it would not be permitted to land. On June 6, the decision was made to turn the St. Louis around and it headed back to Europe.

About half the passengers on the boat would survive the war. England, the Netherlands, Belgium, and France all agreed to take in some of the Jewish refugees. Most of those who ended up in Nazi controlled areas died in the camps. But Regina Adler was permitted to enter England and she lived there for many years after the war ended.

These are our stories, Jewish stories of exile and forced travel, of wandering and searching for home and freedom. They are ingrained into our souls and psyches—informing who we are and how we see the world. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, “We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world.” When we think about today’s events, about a world filled with refugees, about immigrants searching for a new home, about borders and who should be permitted to cross them, we should remember our own history. After all, it wasn’t so long ago that we were packing our own small bags, leaving our homes behind, and setting out with hope for the Promised Land.
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.

Meditation Sits
Wednesday, March 1, at 5:45 p.m., with Rachel Wohl
Wednesdays, March 8, 22, at 5:45 p.m., with Aaron Schneider
Wednesdays, March 15, 29, at 5:45 p.m., with Steve Siegel
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.

Mindful Eating Retreat
Sunday, March 5 – Monday, March 6
Join a community of women of all ages as we learn from each other and discover a new relationship with food. Cost: $375 (Double Room), $350 (Group Room). Visit yourinnerkitchen.org/retreat to register.

Torah Yoga
Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, at 9:30 a.m.
This yoga class will include 10 minutes of inspirational Torah at the beginning, followed by 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. Class begins in the Soul Center; yoga is held in the Community Room. Cost: $10/person.

Healing Service
Wednesday, March 8, at 9:15 a.m.
Rabbi Dana Saroken will lead a healing/prayer circle focused on “Living with Pain.”

Caregiver Café
Thursday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m.
This monthly gathering, co-sponsored by Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and Jewish Community Services, provides support, connection, and strength to all caregivers.

Mixology Tisch
Friday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m.
Mixologists: Rabbi Moshe Schwartz & Bil Zarch. Friday night just got a little more interesting. Make several specialty cocktails while sharing some L’Chaim’s. Add some vermouth and a twist of Torah. $18/person; 36 person limit. A separate program for children will be held during this event for $5/child.
General Meeting, Luncheon and Programs

Eight Truths I’ve Learned the Hard Way
Monday, March 6, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter, Laura Black, is an accomplished business woman, entrepreneur, attorney, active community leader, and advocate for women. She is the author of Big Butts, Fat Thighs and Other Secrets to Success: Empowering Women to be Real in Business and in Life and is a freelance writer. Her articles for the Baltimore Sun have appeared in numerous national and international editions. She has served on a number of boards and held various leadership positions, including past-president of Network 2000, and past campaign chair and past president of the Associated Women for the Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. She currently sits on the boards of The Associated and Lifebridge Health.

RSVP for the March 6 event by Wednesday, February 28, 2017.

Name ________________________________________________________________________________________________
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If you are NOT a subscription holder, send a $20 check made out to:
Beth El Sisterhood - Luncheons | Attn: Marcia Boonshaft or Esther Harris | 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208

We regret that we are unable to seat walk-ins for the luncheon; however, all are welcome to attend the program which begins at 12:45 p.m. For questions, please contact Marcia Boonshaft at jmboonshaft@verizon.net or 410-484-3112 or Esther Harris at teach5ech@aol.com or 410-486-3177.

Joint Sisterhood Dinner
Monday, April 3, 2017

Registration - 6:00 p.m. Cost - $38
Be prepared to be amazed by Dan Schoener, Mentalist Extraordinaire, Entertainment for the Mind.

Please send payment to Sharon Dorenfeld at 8101 Park Heights Avenue by Friday, March 24.
Registration forms can be found in the vestibule as you enter from the parking lot.

Sisterhood Shabbat and Kiddush Luncheon
Saturday, May 13, 2017

Sisterhood Shabbat is when members of Sisterhood conduct the entire Shabbat morning service. They read the Torah and Haftarah, serve as Gabbaim, and participate in all phases of the service. All congregants and their families are welcome to enjoy this melodical and awe inspiring morning.

Slate of Officers for 2017-2018

Co-Presidents: Ilene Merenbloom and Dale Kahn
Vice Presidents: Tammy Schnydman, Roz Kurman, and Cherie Stewart
Recording Secretary: Harriet Weiner
Corresponding Secretary: Risa Gottlieb
Treasurer: Robin Kleiman

Comptroller: Bette Dahne
Budget Coordinator: Glenda Chernoff
Financial Secretaries: Nancy Medin, Alice Kuryk, and Gloria Luchinsky
Parliamentarian: Judy Schwartz
Sisterhood Spring Trips

Trip to Arena Stage, Washington, D.C.

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Our group will attend the world premiere of the play Intelligence: the Valerie Plame Story at Arena Stage. Before the show, you will have lunch on your own at one of the restaurants close to the theater. You will be provided with a list of the area restaurants.

Cost: $125 per person. Waitlist only. If you have any questions or you wish to be placed on the waitlist, contact Linda Mondell at 410-486-1542 or lhmondell@gmail.com or Ellen Wiesenberger at 410-484-6411 or ellentw@comcast.net.

Trip to St. Michaels on the Eastern Shore

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

This trip will begin with a narrated historic cruise on the Miles River. Following the cruise, you will have lunch on your own in one of the local restaurants and then be free to explore the shops and sites of this charming town.

Cost: $95 per person.

If you have any questions or wish to be put on the waitlist, contact Robin Kleiman at 410-653-0113 or robin.kleiman@gmail.com or Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844 or marlenebsiegel@comcast.net.

Trips 2017-2018

The trip committee is in the process of planning the fall and spring trips for 2017-2018. At the present time, trips to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in D.C. and Frederick, MD are scheduled as our fall trips. As the plans for each trip are finalized, notifications about that trip will be distributed and posted.

Biblio, Sisterhood's Book Club

Welcome to Biblio, Beth El Sisterhood’s Book Club. We hold monthly gatherings at noon in either the Kolker Room or the Myers Auditorium. Biblio is open to the entire community and is tuition-free. Bring a dairy lunch; Beth El provides tea and coffee and hostesses provide dessert.

March 22, 2017  Susan Hackerman  Dinner With Edward by Isabel Vincent
April 26, 2017  Barbara Levenson  East of Eden by John Steinbeck
May 24, 2017  Jane Krosin  The Improbability of Love by Hannah Rothschild
June 14, 2017  Paula Gallagher  The 2016-2017 World of Books - Closing Meeting

Beth El Sisterhood “Non-Event” Annual Donor Campaign

You don’t have to do anything but write a check to Beth El Sisterhood. Your donation supports Sisterhood’s projects 100%. Sponsors ($100) and Patrons ($75) will be invited to a special event. Any amount will be appreciated. Send your check to Beth El Sisterhood, c/o Bette Dahne, 7111 Park Heights Avenue, #512; Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

Affiliates

GAME DAY

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bring your friends, partners, card games and Mah Jongg sets for a fun afternoon of games. If you are playing Bridge, we will provide you with a quiet space. We are serving lunch, sweets and munchies, along with coffee and tea all afternoon. Send a check for $22 by Monday, March 20 to Beth El Sisterhood, c/o Suzanne Horowitz or Ruth Hurwitz, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208. Mark “Afternoon of Games” in the memo line of your check.

Afternoon of Games Reservation Form

Name(s) ____________________________________________ Partners’ names: ____________________________________________

Game you will be playing ____________________________________________

Home: ___________________ Cell ___________________ Email: ______________________________

For further information, please contact Suzanne at 410-764-7944 or Suzanne@HRBgroup.com or Ruth at 410-486-2875 or RHurwitz01@gmail.com.
If you glance at the Beth El Sisterhood gift shop windows, your next step will be to walk in to get a closer look at the beautiful items on display. Our buyers have been to the famed New York Gift Show with Beth El Congregation in mind. There are wonderful offerings for Passover such as Kiddush cups of every size and design, Miriam cups to adorn your table as well as beautiful serving dishes and containers. Matzah plates and covers are yours for the asking. We have a variety of unique gifts for both adults and children and as always the magnificent tallit for those anticipating B’nai Mitzvot, along with a variety of unusual jewelry. Stop in early so you have first choice of the amazing items that fill our shelves.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year
Sunday, April 30, Monday May 1, and Tuesday, May 2

We look forward to the 13th Year of Unique Boutique. We have secured several new vendors, and many of our favorites will be returning, including Faye Mendelsohn. We are soliciting upscale merchants who would be a good fit for our show. Our volunteer chair women will be contacting you shortly to work at the event.

Lunch and snacks will be available at the Boutique Café and the Flower Booth will be stocked for your spring gardening needs and Mother’s Day gifts. If you know of any vendors interested in the event who need additional information, please contact Sonia Obstler at 410-653-2381 (seobstler@gmail.com) or Helen Bronstein at 410-653-5028 (helenbronstein@verizon.net). Interested volunteers may call Roslyn Kurman 410-486-0421 (rokrurban@hotmail.com) or Cherie Stewart 410-363-8219 (cheriestewart@icloud.com).

Watch your mail for the $100 coupon in Smart Shopper. We look forward to having all our Beth El congregants, friends, family and neighbors join us and promote Unique Boutique.

Jewish Theological Seminary

We have increased our number of benefactors of the Jewish Theological Seminary to over 40 women from our Sisterhood. For $180 you will receive this beautiful pin and be a benefactor for this institution. You may also purchase six simcha cards for $18.00. For more information, please contact Jane Krosin at 410-484-4218, Hilda Dopkin at 410-486-4453, or Gail Shugarman at 410-486-1661.

“Knitzvah” Project

The Knitzvah Project continues to find friends in need of some warmth. A special thanks to Natalie Feinbloom who has knitted enough beautiful squares to make more than 30 afghans over the years. You too can join her by knitting 10 x 10 inch squares or by donating yarn. Call Rhona Sober at 410-653-2782, or email her at rhonasober@gmail.com if you have any questions or know of someone in need of an afghan.
The Voice of Beth El Congregation

Men's Club

At our Men's Club meeting in January, we reviewed our newly created by-laws which were written by Steve Silverman, Elliot Merenbloom and their committee. The Men's Club is most appreciative of their efforts in this project. During the meeting, we discussed, challenged, and agreed on what ultimately was felt to be our inclusive and functional document. When members received the December minutes, they also received a copy of the by-laws as our guiding document. At that meeting, we also held an open mic comedy hour which gave members an opportunity for their five minutes of fame. In addition, our spring calendar was presented.

In February, we were informed and entertained by Eddie Applefeld, who gave us his view on the award season of best performances and movies of 2016.

March is a special month where we get to take care of all the children of Beth El at the annual Purim Carnival. We've done it before, but this year, the Men's Club is joining forces with the Sisterhood. Our joint committee is at work to put on the most spectacular Purim Carnival with the highest quality of games and prizes ever. In addition, the food service will be unrivaled. The Carnival will be held on Purim, Sunday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. It takes a village (in this case, a synagogue) to put on the best-ever carnival and we need both Sisterhood and Men's Club members to join with the Religious School to volunteer. This will be the event of the year for our kids and grandkids!

Future plans for Men's Club include a number of new activities. Among them are a Yom HaShoah program, a movie at a local theater, a golf tournament, and an Iron Birds or Orioles day at the ballpark.

We will also have Billy Wunderlich, trainer and conditioning specialist, back for a brunch on Sunday, March 26, at 9:45 a.m. His previous appearance at a Men's Club brunch was outstanding.

We've got lots of good ideas and will let you know the final choices when they are definite.

The Board and Officers of the Men's Club appreciate your support and welcome all suggestions.

For more information on the Men's Club, please contact Jack Boonshaft at jmboonshaft@verizon.net.

May Meeting

The Beth El Seniors will not be meeting in April. We wish everyone a Happy Passover.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next dinner on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. We will be having Michael Brown, Sr. He sings big band sounds including artists such as Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole.

Membership

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.

Torah Maintenance Cards

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 $10.00 or $2.00 each.

Empty Nesters & Baby Boomers Group

Dinner at Fazzini’s

Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Join the group at Fazzini’s (9811 York Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030) for a Shabbat Dinner following evening services. Cost: $34/person. Please send checks to Yvonne at Beth El.

For more information, contact Marci Elkin at 410-833-3546 or mhe325@gmail.com.
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- Sisterhood Meeting: 11:30 am
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- Jewish Short Stories: 7:00 pm
- Israeli Dancing: 7:00 pm
- Mah Jongg: 9:30 am
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- Ulpan Hebrew: 7:00 pm
- TZION: 7:30 pm
- IPPE Shabbat: 9:45 am
- Tot Shabbat: 11:15 am
- Shabbat Unplugged: 7:30 pm
- Sisterhood Book Review: 2:00 pm

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**Bar Mitzvah:**
- Zack Golub: 7:00 pm
- Justin Shillman: 9:30 am

**Bat Mitzvah:**
- Riley Katz: 10:00 am
- Rylee La Testa: 10:00 am
- Jenna Lubliner: 10:00 am
- Hannah Paliath: 9:45 am

**Other Events:**
- Purim Carnival
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Committees

Israel Affairs Committee

Shabbat Kiddush Speaker Series

The OTHER Middle Eastern Refugees: Jewish Refugees from Arab Countries
12:45 – 2:00 p.m., Gorn Chapel

Join us for a fascinating Shabbat Series after Kiddush luncheon at 12:45 p.m. Learn about the 850,000 Jews who fled from Arab countries after the creation of the State of Israel.

Saturday, March 18: Jews of Persia/Iran: Cyrus, Sha, and Shi’ites
Speaker: Shekoofeh Manzoor Sussman, teacher at Beth El in Alexandria, VA.

Saturday, April 29: Jews of Yemen: Operation Magic Carpet; Rich Culture, Absorption Challenges
Speaker: David Gamliel, educator and specialist in Ancient Semitic Cultures

Social Action Committee

On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we are looking for volunteers to do food preparation at Movable Feast. Our efforts on Christmas Day were a big success as they have been in the past. The weather cooperated fully and all went smoothly. All who have participated in this project over the years have found it to be very rewarding. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanette Davis at 443-799-2559 or jeajekdavis@hotmail.com.

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 at 443-604-3178 or psheit09@gmail.com.

Beth El, in conjunction with the Social Action Committee, is pleased to host a Friday night Shabbat Service for members of the LGBTQ community on Friday, May 12, 2017.

We will be collecting and distributing Passover food as we have done in the past to community members who otherwise would have difficulty celebrating the holiday. This year we have chosen to help the clients of Chana.

For more information on Social Action initiatives, please contact Ellen Budish at ebdish@verizon.net or Jeanette Davis at jeajekdavis@hotmail.com.

Blood Drive

Donate blood at our Semi-Annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 19, at 8:00 a.m.

For more information, contact Sonya Goodman at sgood18@verizon.net.

Beth El Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

May 5, 6, and 7, 2017

Maggie Anton, "Fifty Shades of Talmud: What the First Rabbis Had to Say About You-Know-What"

Friday, May 5: Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m. $36/adult. Your payment is your reservation.
Maggie Anton will talk about why the Talmudic rabbis have so much to say about sex.

Saturday, May 6: Parsha Class with Maggie Anton - 9:00 a.m.
Services - 10:00 a.m.
Kiddush Lunch
Maggie Anton’s Rashi’s Daughters historical novels and Talmud studies - 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 7: Light breakfast - 9:30 a.m.
What the Talmudic sages said about sexual relations and how Jewish tradition is progressive - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Ellen Marks at ellennm@bethelbalto.com or 410-580-5166.
**Ulpan Hebrew Classes**

Facilitators: Baltimore Hebrew Institute and Beth El staff  
Dates: Spring 2017; 10 classes  
   - Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;  
   - April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 10  
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Fee: $180 session  

Baltimore Hebrew Institute offers Absolute Beginner through Advanced Level Modern Hebrew Language courses at Beth El Congregation. Study with experienced professional educators. This non-credit adult education Modern Hebrew Language program teaches students to read, write, and speak Hebrew. Please submit your payment for each session directly to BHI.  
Online registration is available at www.towson.edu/bhievents. Contact Jill Max at BHI, 410-704-7120 or jmax@towson.edu for inquiries. Classes are held in rooms 210, 212, 213, 214 (Hubert Wing classrooms).

**Mah Jongg for Beginners II**

Facilitator: Harriet Rosoff, Mah Jongg instructor  
Dates: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28  
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
Fee: $40 Beth El member, $45 non-member  

This class is designed for absolute beginners only. It is played usually by four players with rectangular tiles. The object of Mah Jongg is to collect winning sets of these tiles. Harriet Rosoff will teach you everything you need to know to play Mah Jongg. Class will be held in the Schapiro Auditorium.

**Let’s Learn and Enjoy Israeli Dancing**

Dates: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4  
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Fee: $50 Beth El member, $55 non-member  

Fun and Israeli dancing will be held in the Schapiro Auditorium with professional Israeli dance instructor Carol Rubin.

**Israel...With Open Arms**

Facilitator: Leora Pushett  
Dates: Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22  
Time: 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.  
Fee: $40 Beth El member, $45 non-member  

The State of Israel has come to the rescue of numerous Jewish communities and individuals since its establishment. Israel has been among the first to send help when disaster strikes around the globe. We will explore some examples from the last 60+ years including Operations Magic Carpet and Ezra & Nechemia, Operation Thunderbolt and Operation Solomon, Israel’s response to crises in Haiti, Nepal, and other international locales. We will also delve into the values-based considerations that influence Israel’s swift and far-reaching actions. Classes will be held in the Agus Library.

**"Is That All There Is?" Heaven and Hell in the Jewish and Christian Religious Imaginations**

Facilitators: Rosann M. Catalano, Ph.D., Rabbi Steven Schwartz, Rabbi Dana Saroken  
Dates: Mondays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3  
Time: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.  
Fee: $40 Beth El member, $45 non-member  

One of life’s “ultimate” questions concerns the issue of what happens next? Is “this” all there is? Is there an afterlife? If so, what is life like after this life? Judaism and Christianity have responded to these ultimate questions in a variety of ways: some similar, others vastly different. This mini-course will explore both classical and contemporary Jewish and Christian responses to these questions. Class will be held in the Agus Library.

**Sweet Singers of Israel**

Facilitator: Cantor Thom King, Beth El Hazzan  
Dates: Thursdays, March 16, 23, 30  
Time: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.  
Fee: $40 Beth El member, $45 non-member  

Cantor Thom King will take you into the world of Yiddish film, featuring the greatest Cantorial movie star of all time: Moishe Oysher. Cantor King will provide commentary and insight as we explore this forgotten chapter in the history of Jewish cinema. Movies will be shown in the Kolker Room.

**1st Wednesdays @ Beth El**

**Mekonen, The Journey of an African Jew**

This film will be shown on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. This award-winning film, Mekonen, The Journey of an African Jew, follows the story and personal journey of Mekonen Abebe, a young African-Israeli Jew, once a young shepherd in Africa and now a commander in the Israeli Defense Forces. Mekonen was one of many brave young men and women drafted into compulsory service in the IDF to defend their homeland and the liberal values of democracy, freedom and equality. Born and raised in an Ethiopian village, Mekonen was a 12-year-old shepherd when his father died suddenly. Mekonen traveled back to Africa to explore his roots, make peace with his past, and embrace his future in Israel. Following the film will be a presentation about the Ethiopian community in Israel from Pnina Agenyahu, the senior Shlicha of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.
Walk to End Genocide

Dear Beth El Community,

We are living in a time when action on behalf of others is both a Jewish and civic imperative. For the first time, Beth El Congregation is forming a team for the “Walk to End Genocide” sponsored by the Jewish World Watch. The walk takes place in Washington, D.C. on April 23 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. To make participating in the March even easier, a coach bus will leave Beth El at noon and return at 5:30. To offset the cost of the bus, we are asking for $10 an adult, and $5 a child. This is a wonderful opportunity to show children advocacy in action. The March is two miles and strollers are permitted.

The Jewish World Watch works to end genocide and mass atrocities worldwide by educating and mobilizing individuals, advocating for policy changes, and funding projects to support and build resilience in conflict-affected communities, primarily in the areas of Sudan, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We walk because genocide is not a thing of the past. South Sudan, the world’s newest country, is in imminent danger of also becoming the world’s newest genocide.

We walk to show our elected officials that there are thousands of people who care about genocide and mass atrocities and we want our government to take action.

We walk to raise funds to support our mission to fight genocide and mass atrocities and provide relief to survivors.

Most of all, WE WALK FOR PEOPLE, people who we will likely never meet, people like us. They have families, hopes and dreams. They are struggling to feed themselves, raise children, and find jobs to support themselves. Unlike most of us, many have survived attempts on their lives, killings of family members, loss of homes, lack of food and worse.

You can register to participate in the March at https://www.walktoendgenocide.org/dc

We are listed under teams as Beth El Baltimore! Rabbi Cantor and Bruce Friedman will be leading our March delegation. Once you have registered, please reserve your seat on the bus with Fran Davis in the Religious School office. Please contact her at fran@bethelbalto.com or 410-484-4543. Please join us in making a difference.

NEW Chuggim Elective Classes

For Students in 2nd-5th Grades

Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Includes lunch and time to socialize with friends. To register, contact Amy Goldberg at amy@bethelbalto.com or 410-484-4543.

Art with Yankee Doodle

March 19, April 23, May 14 | $18/student

Students will create Spring holiday themed art pieces. Some possible projects include candles/soap making, placemats and more!
Israeli Sing-Along & Gathering

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.

Shem Tov: A Good Name

Hulane Zolet

Whether you’ve seen her at Morning Minyan, Shabbat services, or just walking around the building, you can’t help but smile when you see Hulane Zolet. With a bubbly and infectious personality, it is hard not to enjoy being around Hulane. Her two sons, two daughters by marriage, and six grandchildren, refer to her as “Nana,”— and their Nana is certainly a bright light in the Beth El Community.

“We describe the Divine as an eagle who carried us on eagles’ wings to protect and safeguard our People. In many ways, Hulane emulates Godliness,” Rabbi Dana Saroken said. “She is always there to take the time to bring people into her loving care. She has been the reason that countless people have felt embraced and comfortable at Beth El and in their Judaism.”

Hulane was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, and was one of eight children. She trained to become a Medical Technician at St. Luke's Hospital and went on to work at Johns Hopkins Hospital for seven years. When her children were younger, she was given the opportunity to become a teacher’s assistant for physical education and drama at a middle school. She loved it so much she ended up staying for 22 years and found a love for special education.

“I’m a person who enjoys being Hulane Zolet,” she laughs.

Hulane joined Beth El in 2005 after her beloved husband Hy’s death.

“When Hy passed and I came to Beth El, I met Rabbi Schwartz, Rabbi Saroken, Cantor King, and Beth El members. I knew then that I had found a second home filled with love and understanding of sorrow—which my children and my grandchildren are so thankful.”

Hulane has become involved in many committees and organizations at the synagogue. Currently, she is an active member of Sisterhood, Social Action, Adult Education, the Seniors group, Morning Minyan, and will be honored on May 11 by the Federation of Jewish Women’s Organizations.

“Any time you see Hulane, she is always offering to help at the next upcoming event,” Beth El Event Coordinator Lori Downing said. “Nothing is too much for Hulane.”

Rabbi Dana Saroken echoed the same sentiments. “She spends her days doing acts of kindness for others. Whether she is bringing cookies to those who are home-bound on Shabbat, making chocolate covered pretzels to enhance people's simchas, or greeting people who have lost loved ones at our minyanim, her compassion, kindness, abounding care, generosity and love truly make our community better and inspire many. Beth El is the special place that it is because of Hulane’s chesed.”

When she isn’t attending committee meetings or participating in classes at the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning, you can find her at an art class, at the gym, or serving on the Brandeis Board. After Hy’s death 12 years ago, she and her family established the Hy Zolet Foundation, which gives four scholarships to four Baltimore City School athletes. Hy was the Athletic Director at Forest Park as well as her family’s biggest champion.

“Hy always used to say, ‘Love you, proud of you, you’re the greatest,’” she said. Hulane continues to say this to her family members, whom she says are the sunshine of her life. Even with Hulane’s hectic schedule, she always remembers to live by her own personal motto to “just enjoy every moment of life,” which she certainly has been doing to the fullest.

“Hulane is the best,” Rabbi Steven Schwartz said. “She is a wonderful ambassador for Beth El, a kind and caring presence, our ‘shul’ mother,’ and an example of the kind of difference one person can make. She truly helps people to find their place in the synagogue and to come closer to the tradition and to God.”

Israeli Sing-Along & Gathering

Saturday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m.

We are reaching out to the Israeli community and to anyone who loves Israeli music for a sing-a-long evening of karaoke, snacks, and fun! We will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end our evening at 9:00 p.m. Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education and The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning, is our host under the sponsorship of Beth El Congregation.

Please RSVP for this event to Shoshi Shecter at shoshi_ye@hotmail.com. Bring a kosher dairy or pareve sweet or salty treat, or a non-alcoholic beverage to add to the festivities. We are looking forward to seeing you!
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Sunday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
For more information, contact Donna Brown at debbeedesigns@yahoo.com.

**Evening Book Club for Men and Women**

The next book choice is When Breath Becomes Air by Dr. Paul Kalanithi. Our meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., with the discussion moderated by Dr. Robert Donegan, oncologist at GBMC, in the Kolker Room.

Snacks and coffee are provided, but feel free to BYOB. Please share suggestions with Denise Franz at Denise.franz@gmail.com.

**Jewish War Veterans Flag Project**

The project with Beth El families will be held on Sunday, May 7, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.
For more information, contact Barry Steelman at 410-486-0023 or barshe71@aol.com.

**Annual Meeting**

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served.

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Friday, June 9, 2017.
More information to follow.
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Friday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Relax and experience the joy of Shabbat with a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Rabbi Dana Saroken and Josh Bender. Families with children in 3rd grade and above (and siblings!) are invited to join us for this fun and spirited service. $18/adult, $9/child.

Service 6:00-6:45 p.m. Dinner 6:45 p.m.