FROM THE CLERGY

Chanukah Lights

Judaism has a decidedly practical aspect which I appreciate. For example, blessings for Shabbat and Festivals have specific verses associated with each occasion. These quotes explain why we are celebrating each particular event. Here is the passage connected with the Chanukah lights. The Hebrew begins with “Haneirot hallalu.” Here’s my translation:

We kindle these lights to recall the miracles, the wonders, the help, and the struggles that You wrought for our ancestors long ago at this time of year, through the agency of the holy Kohanim. These lights are holy throughout all the eight days of Chanukah. We may not make any use of them, rather we are to look at them and be moved to thank and praise Your great name for Your miracles, Your wonders, and Your help. [Soferim 20:6]

Besides being short and having some lovely melodies associated with it, this passage contains instructions which can enhance our enjoyment of Chanukah and help us navigate some of the over-stimulation and fatigue of this dark time of the year. One instruction tells us we can’t use the candles for light. What can we do? We can play dreidel and converse with each other while we notice the candles and appreciate their beauty for as long as they are burning. We are to stop “doing” and simply “be.” This gift of time and space for twenty or so minutes for eight consecutive days can go a long way to make us more patient and attentive.

The second instruction asks us to recall and to give thanks and praise. And the language is quite specific. It lists concrete items [miracles, wonders, help and even struggles] and teaches a valuable lesson: how to engender gratitude. At a time when excess is the norm, it is easy to take abundance for granted. By naming specific things for which we are grateful, and listing particular events that causes us to praise, we can feel gratitude more deeply. And expressing gratitude, studies have shown, can make us happier and less grumpy.

I sometimes wonder what our sages would think about Jews reading their words 1400 years later in a faraway land. Did they have any idea how their words might enrich our lives? It is impossible to know. But perhaps, it is just one more wonder for us to appreciate.

Chag Orim Sameah—Happy Festival of Lights.

– Cantor Kohn
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:
STEVEN SHARFSTEIN

Coping with the Anxiety
Provoking the Present

At the New Year, in my Annual Talk to the congregation, I reflected on the rise of racist and anti-Semitic demonstrations and acts, the threats of war, natural disasters with water, fire, earthquakes that seem to cascade into each other and now mass shootings... all leading to a new level of anxiety that we all experience every day. I asked what can be done to cope in this era of existential challenge.

My recommendation was to immerse oneself in the richness that is BHC. We have a remarkable clergy team with Rabbis Busch and Sachs-Kohen, Cantors Kohn and Sacks who are there for us at the holidays, life-cycle events, hardships such as serious illness and loss, the joys of life as well, for Torah study and worship. They work 24/7, are always on call. We also have Rabbi Emeritus Buchdahl, Rabbi Emeritus Perlman and Cantor Emeritus Solomon to proudly let the world know that BHC has a tradition of extraordinary clergy leadership.

As Cantor Kohn is “interim,” here with us for one year, we continue to search for a permanent Cantor. Bobbi Perlman heads up the Search Committee, and we are optimistic that this year we will find the right person for us in the years to come.

Worship is thriving here with services at 6:15 pm and the second Friday of each month as Family Shabbat with dinner after the service. There is beauty, solace and community in every service.

There are so many other opportunities for engagement with BHC: Brotherhood and Sisterhood, BHC Cares and BHC Pride, Chai Life, Adult Education, Torah Talk, Social Justice, Summer and Winter Nights on Park Heights and more. Go on the website baltimorehebrew.org to learn more.

Coming just twice a year to synagogue for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is too low a dose for the BHC therapy I suggest to help deal with the stresses of living in America in 5778. I ask each of you to open up to the BHC community in new ways and engage with us.

OUR DAILY BREAD:
CHRISTMAS CASSEROLES

For more than two decades, members of the BHC community have provided Christmas dinner for the guests at Our Daily Bread. We continue our service this year with the awareness that for so many of those years, our efforts were orchestrated by Sally Palmbaum, of blessed memory.

There are many ways to be part of our Christmas Dinner efforts. Here are the needs: 40 turkeys – cooked, sliced and frozen, 60 pans of dressing – prepared and frozen. BHC will provide the pans (Stove Top is fine, 4 boxes per pan). Monetary donations will be used to purchase institutional size cans of green beans, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, fresh dinner rolls and cake for dessert (spaces for volunteer servers are limited to 40). This opportunity is open to BHC members only.

If you would like to participate, either by donating or by volunteering, please contact Lauren Yetter, 410-764-1587, ext. 232 or lyetter@baltimorehebrew.org.
Do you like to sing? Our Congregational choir is always open for new voices. We rehearse on most Monday nights at 7 pm and perform at Shabbat services about once every month. The atmosphere is welcoming, and you don’t have to read Hebrew to succeed. Try it, you’ll like it!

INFO: Becky Gutin, bgutin@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587, ext. 250.

PJ SHABBAT
Friday, December 1, 6:30 PM
Bring your toddlers and young children for BHC’s pajama-clad service the first Friday of every month.

PARSHA PARTY (BAR/BAT MITZVAH DATES FOR 2020)
Saturday, December 2, 10:30 AM
See page 6 for details.

YOUTH GROUP
Saturday, December 2, 5 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 7 for details.

YOUTH EDUCATION
Sundays, December 3 & 10, 9 AM
Youth Education Sundays enables students ages 3-13 to develop a foundation of Jewish life as part of an inclusive, vibrant, active community. INFO: Brad Cohen, Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext. 290 or bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org.

PEP: PURSUING EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES
Sundays, December 3 & 10, 9 AM
PEP: Pursuing Educational Possibilities, is an ongoing Sunday morning learning opportunity enjoyed by BHC congregants for decades. This fall, we have Rabbi Busch teaching at 9:30 AM and Rabbi Amy Scheiner teaching at 10:45 AM. Every PEP class begins with bagels and sweets. INFO: Ruth Spivak, spivakcpa@verizon.net, 410-666-1891.

ADULT BEGINNER HEBREW CLASS
Sundays, December 3 & 10, 9:15 AM
This class is for adult BHC members with little or no Hebrew reading ability and will fulfill the beginner Hebrew requirement for the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. INFO: Becky Gutin, bgutin@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587, ext. 250.

UNDERSTANDING PRAYERBOOK HEBREW CLASS
Sunday, December 3, 11:15 AM
Join Cantor Sacks’ Sunday morning course, introducing basic prayerbook Hebrew vocabulary and grammar. The class will continue through the spring. Basic decoding skills are required and this class is for BHC members only. INFO: Becky Gutin, bgutin@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587, ext. 250.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sunday, December 3, Noon
The Teen Advisory Committee meets once a month to engage with their peers, brainstorm new programs and ideas, and participate in leadership-building activities.

URJ BIENNIAL
Wednesday-Sunday, December 6-10
See page 2 for details.

NEXTGEN: CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CAFE
Tuesday, December 5, 6 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 7 for details.

TRIPLE TREAT
Thursdays, December 7 & 14, 10 AM
See page 4 for details.

FAMILY SHABBAT AND DINNER
Friday, December 8, 6:15 PM
See page 6 for details.

FAMILY SHABBAT EDUCATION
Saturday, December 9, 3 PM
Families join to learn Torah and Jewish values in a hands-on way.
INFO: Brad Cohen, Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext. 290 or bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org.

E.B. HIRSH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER CHANUKAH PARTY
Sunday, December 10, 12 PM
See page 8 for details.

NEXTGEN: ROSH HODESH/SHEVET ACHIM
Monday, December 11, 6 PM
Rosh Hodesh, a girls group, and Shevet Achim, a guys group, allows teens to meet once a month to consider fundamental questions of Judaism, gender, and society. RSVP required, and dinner is included. INFO: Lauren Offermann, Assistant Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext. 248 or loffermann@baltimorehebrew.org.

NFTY MAJYK RETREAT
Friday through Sunday, December 15-17
See page 7 for details.

CHANUKAH AROUND THE WORD
Friday, December 15, 6:15 PM
Chanukah celebration and dinner following Shabbat services. See page 6 for details.

CHAI LIFE AND CHANUKAH
Friday, December 15, 7 PM
Join BHC for Chanukah dinner following Shabbat services.

FAMILY CHANUKAH PROGRAM
Sunday, December 17, 9 AM
See the Youth Education column on page 7 for details.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST
Sunday, December 17, 9:30 AM
See page 9 for details.

NEXTGEN: CHANUKAH PARTY
Monday, December 18, 6-8 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 7 for details.

COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY
Monday, December 25, 9 AM
See page 6 for details.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS
Triple Treat is sponsored by BHC Sisterhood. Come study with clergy, lay leaders and special guest speakers or participate in book reviews. Schmooze with fellow participants at 10 AM. Program will start at 10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge for the program. INFO: Sandy Raskin, 410-486-654 or shraskin@verizon.net.

KOL RINNAH
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CHANUKAH GUIDE

BLESSINGS

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tsivanu l’hadlik ner shel Chanukah.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam she-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim haheim baz’man hazeh.
Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

1st Night Only

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech haolam shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higianu laz’man hazeh.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

CHANUKAH CANDLES AND QUESTIONS

Lighting the First Night’s candles and including the Shehecheyanu blessing, let us mention what we are thankful for in our lives. Lighting the First Night’s candle takes place on Tuesday, December 12.

Lighting the Second Night’s candles, let us consider the Psalmist’s words: “Light is sown for the righteous, joy for the upright.” (Psalm 97:11) What can we do during this festival to bring light to the world around us?

Lighting the Third Night’s candles, let us not only celebrate this festival through enjoying latkes, lighting candles and exchanging gifts. May we also explore other foods, such as sufganiot (jelly doughnuts), sing Chanukah songs, and read and learn about Chanukah stories and traditions.

Lighting the Fourth Night’s candles, may we pause to remember those who have fought for the renewal of Judaism, including the Maccabees, but also those in every generation who have worked to breathe continuing new life into our ancient tradition. How might we add to the creative flourishing of Judaism?

Lighting the Fifth Night’s candles, may we grapple with the possibility of miracles in the world. The oil’s lasting eight days doesn’t appear in Jewish texts for centuries after the Hasmoneans’ (another name for the Maccabees) Second Century BCE victory, yet Jews have cherished this image for millennia. Consider what you believe about miracles.

Lighting the Sixth Night’s candles, let us remember those with whom we have celebrated Chanukah in past years. Despite the possible sadness of their loss or absence, let us remember those who have brought joy to the celebrations in our lives.

Lighting the Seventh Night’s candles, let us consider the words of the prophet Zechariah: “Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit.” (4:6) What might it have meant to our ancestors to seek strength in God? What might it mean for us? As we celebrate Shabbat, may we sense the strength of past of generations.

Lighting the Eighth and Final Night’s candles, may the glow of these many candles last beyond the week of Chanukah. How might we continue to learn about or act upon our Judaism between now and next Chanukah?
**Program Highlights**

**CHANUKAH AROUND THE WORLD**
Chanukah is only a few days away, and even though it seems as though the High Holy Days were just a week or two ago our secular year is coming to a close. The weather has turned and our sights are set on hopes of warmer places. If a tropical vacation isn't in the cards for you this year, no need to worry! BHC is celebrating “Chanukah Around the World.” At this year’s Chanukah celebration on **Friday, December 15** we will take a trip around the world. We will learn and experience the ways in which the Festival of Lights is celebrated across the globe. All are welcome to bring their own menorah to celebrate the way we know how at BHC, by letting the light shine brightly from our Sanctuary windows. The Chanukah celebration and dinner will be immediately following the Shabbat service at 6:15 pm. Dinner is $12 per person or $25 per family. **RSVP:** Nicki Barrett, nbarrett@baltimorehebrew.org.

**NEW YEAR’S DAY**
BHC will host our annual New Year’s Day Concert where the region’s brightest vocal talent presents all-time favorite selections from the most beloved new and traditional operas. Directed and accompanied by Maestro James Harp of Lyric Opera Baltimore, this afternoon of opera has become a favorite annual tradition in the community. This year’s concert will feature Jenni Bank (mezzo-soprano), Peter Tomaszewski (baritone), Peter Scott Drackley (tenor), and Melissa Wimbish (soprano) performing their favorite opera arias, as well as operetta and popular songs. The concert is sponsored by the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust and will be held on **Monday, January 1, 2 pm** in the Dalsheimer Auditorium. Free tickets will be available in the Temple Office beginning Tuesday, December 5. Come celebrate the start of 2018 with some of our most promising local talent!

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH DATES FOR 2020**
Member children born in 2007, who are registered and attend our Youth Education program, are eligible to become Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2020. We invite you and your family to the Parsha Party on **Saturday, December 2, 10:30 am**. Your family will attend the Shabbat Service, then join our clergy at a Kiddush luncheon where you will learn what happens over the next three years. Your child will receive their Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. If you have not received an informational mailing, contact Becky Gutin, 410-764-1587, ext. 250 or bgutin@baltimorehebrew.org.

**FAMILY SHABBAT AND DINNER**
Family Shabbat will be on **Friday, December 8, 6:15 pm**. This creative service is led by students, songleader Cory Hermann, our clergy and educators on the second Friday of each month at 6:15 pm. It is a shorter, more musical and visual service geared towards families with children in 1st grade and up. Following, all families are invited to a Shabbat dinner; reservations for dinner are required. **INFO & RSVP:** Brad Cohen, Director of Education, bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587, ext. 290.

**COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY**
For another year BHC will be taking part in Community Mitzvah Day on **Monday, December 25, 9 am-Noon**. We welcome volunteers to join us on Community Mitzvah Day for a meaningful and fun project that will once again benefit the clients of Paul’s Place. Together, we will make casseroles, special holiday treats and more. We will provide a light breakfast, social action inspiration and good music. **RSVP:** Nicki Barrett, Coordinator of Engagement and Programming, nbarrett@baltimorehebrew.org.

**Annual Giving**

Don’t miss your opportunity to qualify for a year-end charitable deduction!

December marks the year’s end. With the celebration of Chanukah, it is a time to remember that miracles can happen. This year many of you have been incredibly generous with your support and time. If you delayed making your Annual Giving 2017-2018 pledge, now is the time.

Not only will you receive a valuable year-end charitable deduction but, if you make an increased or new gift, the increase or total new gift will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous grant from the Adalman Goodwin Foundation in memory of Hilda Perl Goodwin, Douglas Goodwin and Sylvia Adalman.

Your support is critical now. BHC programs exist because of your generous gifts to Annual Giving. Congregation dues comprise only 47% of the yearly revenue that is necessary to maintain our facility including our building, utilities and grounds, sustain a dynamic educational program for children and adults, and uphold our commitment to our wonderful and vibrant congregation.

BHC is our Jewish Home — the place where we gather, grow and share the events in our lives, whether they are sad or joyful. I urge you to join us in making a contribution to BHC’s Annual Giving Campaign. Giving from the heart feels so good! Your gift is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Annette Saxon
Director of Development

WINTER NIGHTS ON PARK HEIGHTS
Winter Nights on Park Heights is back! Join BHC clergy and staff for the free, lively current event discussions on **Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 6:30 pm**. Light snacks and drinks will be served. Come on over to BHC to warm up and enjoy an evening of current events! **INFO:** Nicki Barrett, Coordinator of Engagement and Programming, nbarrett@baltimorehebrew.org.
Youth Education

SUNDAY MORNINGS
This month our students will participate in our Chanukah Mitzvah Shopping. Students will have the opportunity to donate a dollar to an organization as a gift for a family member.

For example:
“This gift for Mom to Habitat for Humanity will help build a home for someone in need.”
We do this for two reasons:
1. To teach the value of tzedakah, giving to others and doing a little tikun olam (repairing the world)
2. To reinforce that what world needs is not more tissue boxes, frames, and stuff but a way to help others.

1ST-7TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP
December brings colder weather, school breaks, extended family, and plenty of fun at BHC!

Youth Group Event: On Saturday, December 2, 5-8 PM we will have an evening of fun with BHC peers. 1st-5th grade will be split up for a dinner mystery scavenger hunt while the 6th-7th graders enjoy a movie night in the youth lounge at BHC! They will have a selection of age-appropriate red box movies to pick from and plenty of snacks. We will all come together for Havdalah and dessert.

NFTY MAJYK
From December 15-17, 6th-8th graders who signed up are attending this weekend retreat that enables 6th-8th graders to meet new people, experience a taste of NFTY and learn about the traditions and lingo. NFTY is the North American Federation of Temple Youth. There are nearly 20 regions within NFTY in the US. We are MAR (Mid-Atlantic Region) which encompasses DC, Virginia, Maryland, eastern West Virginia and North Carolina. There are 6 Kallahs (or retreats) a year and this is the first one your teens can participate in! Lauren Offermann will attend the NFTY event and will be accessible to your children all weekend!

INFO or RSVP:
Brad Cohen, Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext. 290 or bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org
Lauren Offermann, Assistant Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext. 248 or loffermann@baltimorehebrew.org

NEXTGEN: THE MILLIE AND ALVIN BLUM 8TH-12TH GRADE TEEN PROGRAM
Each opportunity for teens at BHC enables them to pick and choose their Jewish path. We offer a range of topics and styles each month to provide programming that makes the teens passionate! Check out what December brings for teen engagement:

Taste Of: Conversational Hebrew Café, Tuesday, December 5, 6-8 PM. Teens will participate in an offsite “Taste Of,” where they will learn basic conversational Hebrew such as slang words and phrases while enjoying a warm beverage.

Teen Advisory Committee, Sunday, December 10, 12-2 PM. The teens are working very hard to ensure programs are accessible, enjoyable, and crafted for their peers! We continue to work on different aspects of leadership ranging from kindness to courage, to effective outreach!

Rosh Hodesh/Shevet Achim, Monday, December 11, 6-8 PM. This program uses Jewish teachings to give girls and guys a place to feel safe, articulate their deepest concerns, consider the impact of gender on their daily lives, have fun, and be “real” with their peers. Rosh Hodesh discussions have focused on inner and outer beauty and what it means to create a sacred space. This has led the group to redesign a space they feel is sacred within BHC—the women’s bathroom. The teens are taking a mindful approach to display the conversations we are having about beauty in the bathroom in the youth education hallway. The guys in Shevet Achim continue to learn about manhood through different outlooks such as courage.

Chanukah Party, Monday, December 18, 6-8 PM: This Chanukah party will be held at Har Sinai Congregation as part of collaboration between the four reform temples! Teens will have the opportunity to celebrate Chanukah with their Baltimore area friends while participating in a social action project!

FAMILY
Sunday, December 17 Family Chanukah Program, 9 AM. Explore Chanukah and choose your own adventure as you explore the story, customs, traditions, and meaning behind Chanukah. Prepare as a family to enter the story, fight alongside the Maccabees and rededicate the Temple.

Our continuous Family Education Programs happen monthly. Join us for Gesher Family Program, Sunday, December 3, 9 AM. This program is open to all 1st and 2nd grade families. Family Shabbat Education, Saturday, December 9, 3-5 PM is open to families of all ages.

LIKE BHC ON FACEBOOK
Receive notices of upcoming events and see current photos. Find event details and photos of past events. And watch our “Time for Shabbat” videos, posted on Fridays. Let us know if you want to share your Shabbat plans with us to be featured on our page.

FACEBOOK.COM/BALTIMOREHEBREWCONGREGATION
Chai Life: 20s & 30s Community

CHAI LIFE AND CHANUKAH
This December join Chai Life for the Chanukah Shabbat Service at BHC on Friday, December 15, 6:15 pm followed by Chanukah dinner at a cost of $12. This years theme is Chanukah Around the World. As the winter approaches be sure to join us for Trivia next month on Thursday nights in Mt. Vernon at Homeslyce. INFO & RSVP: Co-Chairs David Castine, dcastine9@gmail.com or Andrew Haines, andrewhaines2@gmail.com.

David Castine and Andrew Haines
Chai Life Co-Chairs

ARE YOU IN YOUR 20s OR 30s?
Be part of Chai Life gatherings such as trivia nights, kickball games, Shabbat dinners, “Helping Hons” and more!

Hoffberger Gallery

“COLORFUL PAINTINGS OF PARTIES, COUNTRYSIDE, AND BALTIMORE CITY”
Works by Patricia Bennett
November-December Exhibit

Artist’s Statement:
I expected to be a scientist like my father, but I enjoyed looking at the colors of the reagents far more than caring about their contents. So a month after receiving my degree in physics from Reed College, I bought a one-way ticket to Chicago where I immersed myself in art, attending the Art Institute of Chicago and then the Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore.

Finding my voice within the art world has taken over a decade. I painted still lifes and portraits for several years in the classical style in which I was trained, using hand-ground oils and Maroger Medium. But when I switched to acrylics and began painting parties in a completely impressionistic and colorful style, I knew that this was why I had become an artist.

 Mostly I paint weddings. I have been privileged to paint over 100 around Baltimore, Washington D.C., Long Island, Colorado, Texas, North Carolina, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Along with being a wonderful experience for me, this gives the couple or their parents a lifelong memento of their special day, a unique service that I can provide. I have also painted at places that I care about, at beautiful Oakdene and Summerfield Stables, La Cuchara, Stone Mill Bakery, the Greenspring Montessori School, the Farmers Market, Cylburn Arboretum, Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire, and more.

E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center

CHANUKAH PARTY
We are having an old fashioned Chanukah party on Sunday, December 10, Noon. Using our imaginations, we will make menorahs with loose parts. We will play dreidel and other Chanukah games. And of course there will be latkes and fun toppings. What is your favorite topping? Participate in our survey and help us to make a graph to find out which topping wins! We will decorate our own Chanukah cookies.

You can also participate in our Book Exchange. The book should be under $5 and wrapped. Please indicate if it is for an adult or a child. RSVP by Tuesday, December 5 to Tyler Coburn, Administrative Assistant, tcoburn@baltimorehebrew.org, with the number of people in your family attending and your favorite Chanukah recipe. Everyone will receive a Chanukah recipe booklet at the party. Our PTA is sponsoring the Chanukah party; all are welcome at no charge.

CENTER WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Part-Time Positions
Looking for adults who want to work with children ages 4 months to four years old. Flexible hours and days!

Jill Eisen, 410-764-7281, or email jeisen@baltimorehebrew.org

E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

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**BROtherhood Breakfast**

This month’s breakfast will be **Sunday, December 17, 9:30 AM** and will feature Judy Rousuck from the Hippodrome Theatre speaking about “You Won’t Succeed on Broadway... if you don’t have any Jews.” A look at the influence of Jewish theatre artists — including Baltimoreans — on the Broadway musical, from Oscar Hammerstein II to Baltimore’s own Platt family. J Wynn Rousuck was the theatre critic at The Baltimore Sun for 23 years, during which Judy reviewed more than 3,000 plays. Since 2007, she has been the theatre critic at WYPR, 88.1 FM, where her reviews can be heard every Thursday on “Midday.” She is the recipient of numerous prizes including the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild’s awards for criticism, commentary and the Bill Pryor Memorial Grand Prize for Writing. Her Baltimore Sun series on “Hairspray” was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. The event is free for paid-up Brotherhood Members and $10 for others. ALL ARE WELCOME. Reservations to include breakfast food are requested to be made by Thursday, December 7. **INFO & RSVP:** Sid Bravmann, 410-952-6352 or baltimorehebrew.org/breakfast.

We will continue our great breakfasts in 2018. Our next breakfast will be **Sunday, January 28** and will feature Gavin Witt, Associate Director of Dramaturgy, Baltimore Center Stage. Gavin will be speaking about “Love, Laughter and L’Chaim.”

**VOLUnTeer with Us**

**MAnna House:** Bruce Harris, 410-484-7849 or bnharris@comcast.net

**TraFFIC SquAd:** Jordan Loran, 410-377-9084 or unclejordo@msn.com

**Ushers:** Harvey Schevitz, 410-484-7598 or bhc.ushers@gmail.com

**HELp Chicken Fllickers**

Help us and yourself out. Become part of the Brotherhood Chicken Flickers. Known as the Iron Chefs of BHC, they cook for over 100 people at times, and they make tasty dishes. Whether it’s cooking tenderloin, salmon, or scrambled eggs it always comes out as good as a catered meal. You do not have to commit to every event. They could use help occasionally to assist with cooking or serving, and it’s always a fun time, too. No experience is needed, but you must be part of the Brotherhood. It’s just an enjoyable way to do a Mitzvah and enjoy feeding the program guests. **INFO:** Sid Bravmann 410-952-6352.

**BECome an USher**

We would love to have you help us out by being an usher for one of the Congregation’s services, and welcome congregants and guests to our services. To sign up or if you have any questions, call Harvey Schevitz 410-484-7598.

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**Sisterhood in Session**

**CeLLphoNeS For CHANA**

Sisterhood is collecting used cell phones for CHANA, which offers a Jewish community response to the needs of persons who experience abuse and other forms of interpersonal trauma. The phones’ data will be cleared and refurbished, then given to clients for emergency life-line or recycling. Drop-off box is located the Temple Office.

**SoCial Media Savvy?**

Are you creative, social media savvy and looking for a way to contribute to your community? If this is you, contact Debbie Shpritz, Sisterhood President, 410-363-6280 or dshpritz@gmail.com to learn about an exciting new opportunity.

**FIND Out tHat more!**

Learn the benefits of Sisterhood, become a member and join our social action efforts: baltimorehebrew.org/sisterhood/about

**58th Annual Interfaith Institute**

BHC Sisterhood will hold its 58th Annual Interfaith Institute, **Monday, March 12, 2018.** Our vital and timely topic is “The Opioid Epidemic: The Community Impact and Response.” Our Keynote speaker will be Dr. Leana Wen, MSc., FAAEM Commissioner of Health for the City of Baltimore.

Dr. Wen is also an emergency physician and patient and community advocate. She leads the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD), the oldest continuously-operating health department in the United States, formed in 1793.

BCHD is an agency committed to improving well-being and combatting disparities through education, policy/advocacy, and direct service delivery. BCHD’s wide-ranging responsibilities include maternal and child health, youth wellness, school health, senior services, animal control, restaurant inspections, emergency preparedness, STI/HIV treatment, and acute and chronic disease prevention.

Facing an unprecedented number of people dying from opioid overdose, Dr. Wen issued a blanket prescription for the opioid antidote, naloxone, to all 620,000 residents of Baltimore. Since 2015, this program has saved over 800 lives. In March 2016, Dr. Wen was invited by the White House to speak on a panel with President Obama about Baltimore’s efforts to address addiction as a public health crisis.

Under her direction, the Baltimore City Health Department leads the country in health innovations.

There will be responders to this important topic. Rabbi Busch will be our Moderator. The program will be from 10 am-2 pm. There will be a fee for the program which includes a box lunch. **INFO:** 410-764-1 587 ext. 270. Co-chairs: Carol J. Caplan and Ann Fishkin.
IN MEMORIAM
We record with sorrow the passing of

Raphael J. Beletzky
Sigmund Bloom
Ruth Lee Saks Epstein
Jonathan Lee Fish
Louis Frank, Jr.
Allen I. Green
Enid Sue Liebovich Levy
Michael McCoy
Freda Rosenstein
Nathan Silverman
Marjorie Strasburger
Robert M. Taubman
Barbara Weiss

May their memories be for a blessing.

PERPETUAL MEMORIALS

December 1-2
David Paul Adler
Eleanor K. Avis
Ida Lazarus Baer
Samuel Benesch
Theodore B. Berman
Mayer Joseph Binder
Sadie B. Blankman
Carol Bolotin
Alvin M. Braverman
David Butler
Louis Cahn
Norman Jonathan Castine
Jack S. Cohen
Joel Harry Cohen
Evelyn Cussher
Nathan Engel
Belle C. Federleicht
Samuel G. Feinglass
Dodye H. Frank
Rachel Frank
Joseph Freedman
Lillian Friedlander
Robert Glickman
Leon Goldstone
Anne London
Greenbaum
Isaac Greenbaum
Alexander B. Hamburger
Clara B. Hamburger
Melia Lowenstein
Hamburger
Godfrey E. Harris
Samuel M. Hecht
Samuel Heckler
Jack R. Heneson
Gerald H. Herman

Dr. Gilbert White
Rosenthal
Faye B. Schulman
Dr. Louis H. Schwartzman
Louis Siegel
Frances S. Silberg
Lee Silver
Fannie Hecht Smith
Ellis Snyder
Isadore Solod
Levi Spandauer
Marian L. Stern
George Josef Stiffman
Raymond Sussman
Charles Swartz
Jean Menaged
Tishman
Marie Greenhood Tolkins
William Weinblatt
Amelia Wertheim
Miriam Wertheimer
Sidney Zimmerman

December 8-9
Helen Kahn Bar
Abe Behrend
Clar Bergman
Phyllis B. Brotman
Klaus Buchdahl
Maurice U. Cahn
Brianna Rose Cohen
Edward Cohen
Jeffrey M. Cohen
Meyer Mickey Cohen
Mollie E. Decker
Irwin Jacques DuBois
Solomon Edelstein
Ernest B. Eiseman
Gertrude E.
Fensterwald
Esther Fink
Esther P. Finkelstein
Bertha B. Fishkin
Thelma B. Gelfand
Alexander Gettlin
Ida K. Ginsberg
H. Gabriel Glick
Reba L. Goldman
Milton D. Goldsmith
Florence M.
Goldstein
Sylvia W. Goldstein
Irving Golombek
Betty Gruber
Janet Gurian
Jesse Hamburger
Joseph Harrow
Nathan Herman
David Edward Hettleman
Edward Himmelfarb
Gertrude Honigsberg
Leonard K. Jachman
Eli S. Katten
Moses Kaufman
Bessie Ottenheimer
Kerngood
Bessie Koman
Harry Koren
Carol Sue Kramer
Alexander S. Kuhs
Irene Ruth Levin
Florence K.
L’Hommedieu
Elsye S. Lindenber
Lucille Panitz Lobe
Bessie F. Mansbach
Hortense Buxbaum
Margolis
Mildred Marmer
Anna Mashkes
Leopold Strouse
Michel
Henry Morstein
Sidney Mossovitz
Kurt Muhlfelder
Amelia R. Myers
Rose N. Neiburger
Jay S. Nusbaum
Samuel Nusbaum
Sally Oppenheim
Lillie Oppenheimer
Moses Patz
Marianne Plaut
Sarah Pomerantz
Bertha Stein Raffel
Sophie Raffel
Ellen M. Rappaport
Fannie Reisberg
Dr. Martin Roos
William Rosenau
Nathan Rotner
Ann G. Rubin
Fred M. Sachs
Jerry Saffron
Harry L. Schames
Amelia (Amy)
Shackman
Esther Lena Sher
Jean Weiss Shevitz
Arthur Statter
Florece Steele
Sadie Stern
Nathan Stiffman
Emanuel Strauss
Yudice Marcia Stuck
Jean Schoeneman
Sussman
Emma Thalheimer
Sherry Lynn
Tosman
Rosalie S. Walters
Edna Welfeld
Harold L. White
Sara K. Yudlson

Mary Sylvia Ziv
December 15-16
Sarah Adler
Norman Alper
Benjamin Arbesman
Emanuel Baum
Gwen R. Becker
Mary Berliner
Allan A. Blankman
Anne Brookmeyer
Rose Brooks
Gertrude Chaifetz
Janella Stewart
Cohen
Irma Klaff Davison
Sarah DeBoskey
Emanuel A. Deitz
Eva Eichengreen
Elsa J. Eisner
Daisy Fine
Rose Frank
Sarah Rebecca Freeman
Harry Friedlander
Ralph Friedlander
Alvin Glickman
Bessie Glickman
Benjamin Goldberg
Bessie Hamburger
Benjamin Goldberg
Ann Golden
William Greenwald
Edwin Gutman
Betsy E. Haas
Milton Hamburger
Rose Glasser
Breslau Harris
Raymond Hart
Nathan Herskovitz
Arthur Louis Horwitz
Reba F. Horwitz
Louis Hyman
Sylvia Hyman
Thomas Iskoff
Mary Juttner
Jerome William Kahn
Max Kahn
Anna Weisberg Katz
Bertha Kaufman
Murray Kirschman
Bessie Kuhns
Millard Ferdinand Lazarus
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Frederick Strauss
Johanna Thalheimer
Carl Wel
Jacob Winer
Samuel Wolbarsht
Juliette Robinson
Wolf

December 22-23
Jacob Abraham
Alene S. Adler
Simon L. Aronson
William J. Ayares
Helen Urievna Bachrach
A. Harris Baer
Harold Newton Barr
Harry M. Black
Dorothy Segall
Broad
Samuel E. Broad
Gustave Brunn
Irwin Cohen
Nellie Cohn
Herbert Cole
Dr. Sydney M. Cone
James F. Cooper
Maurice H. Cooper
Elinor Brown Deitz
Ray A. Doline
Lee M. Feldstein
Joan Marks Fogler

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From Generation to Generation

Special Birthdays
Nicholas Beser, Natalee Pearlman, Laurie Legum, Spence Levitas, Brian Shavit, Susan Bressler, Roy Duthu, Caryn Putchat, Leila Kurman, Marty Sigel, Rachel Stern, Andrew Hahn, Michael Singer, Drew Pate, Richard Livingston, Sanford Minkin, Marc Samuel, Sidney Bravmann, Melvin Mossovitiz, Myrna Duthu, Thommie Williams, Matthew Samay, Sheila Buchdahl, Charles Klein

December 29-30
Sophia (Sunny) Annenberg
Isaac Aroesty
Jeffrey Barrett
Julius R. Bell
Lillian Bender
Carrie Blankenberg
Henry Blankman
Meyer Blumberg
Jacob Brafman
Leah A. Brown
Anna W. Carton
Pauline Rosenberg
Cohn

Jacob Schoeneman
Hirsh Sharogrodsky
Samuel Sherr
Elia Siegel
Maurice L. Silverfarb
Herbert M. Solomon
Rose Sternberg
Lina Straus
Martin L. Straus
Benjamin Sugarman
Harry Warendorf
Edith Rothschild
Weinberg
Charles Weissman
Richard Joseph
Zander Sr.

Special Anniversaries
70th Phyllis & Jerry Cohen
60th Isabel & Stanley Levin
50th Amy & Marc Cohen
Jo Ann & Lowell Mora
10th Eden Coughlin & Gary Ashbeck
Stacey Mink & Geoff Brown
Mary & Michael Singer
5th Amy & Ben Goldberg

Bat Mitzvah
December 2
Ellie Hanover, daughter of Michelle and Andy Hanover

Births
Kyla Farrar Rowley, daughter of Tria and Kevin Rowley, great-granddaughter of Thommie and Ted Williams
Charlotte Ann Tanenblatt, daughter of Rachel and Jesse Tanenblatt, granddaughter of Sharon and Michael Mond

We gratefully acknowledge the following offerings:
For the speedy recovery of
Ken Blumberg, by Benjy Dubin & Rachel Rubin • Ava & Marc Lenet
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In honor of
Rabbi Busch, Cantor Kohn, & Cantor Sacks for preparing Jacob to become a Bar Mitzvah, by Stefanie, Joshua, Jacob & Alex Kades

The special birthday of Norma Cohen, by Minna & Louis Katz
Nancy Van Grack & Joe Feinsod, by Anne & Jeffrey Abend
The special birthday of Richard A. Fishkin, by Benjy Dubin & Rachel Dubin
Lori & Larry Frank on the marriage of their daughter Lindsey to Andrew Snyder, by James & Alice Dolle Trosch
The 20th wedding anniversary of Helen Streimer & Alan Katz, by Audrey Lifcowitch
The special birthday of Gerri Kobren, by Minna & Louis Katz
My Alyiah at Shabbat services, by Fran Leibowitz
The special birthday of Cantor Melvin Luterman, by Phyllis Frank
Sharon & Michael Mond on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte Ann Tanenblatt, by Kol Rinnah • Carole Wilder
Rabbits Rachel Hertzman & Rex D. Perlmeter on the engagement of their daughter Sarah to Jonah Freeland, by James & Alice Dolle Trosch
Thomas D. Preti on becoming a Bar Mitzvah, by his grandparents, Peggy K. & Fred Wolf, III
Stan Weiman for his participation in The Program of Music & Meditation, by Celeste Pushkin
Thommie & Ted Williams on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Kyja Farrar Rowley, by Betty Meyers
Peggy K. & Fred Wolf, III on their grandson, Thomas D. Preti becoming a Bar Mitzvah, by Linda & Berryl Speeret

In memory of
Phyllis Avis, by Shirley & Irving Simon
Leonard Bass, by Estelle Bass
Raphael J. Beletsky, by Ellen & Saul Lindenbaum
Elaine Berman, by Carole Mall
Harry Blumenthal, by Sonia Blumenthal
Carol Bolotin, by Susan & Harvey Zeiger
Ronald Branoff, by Edith & Sar Kaufman
Samuel Brody, by Linda & Paul Brody
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Departments of Sociology, Anthropology & Gerontology
Dan Pevner, by Debra Isser & Fran Liebowitz
Anne Goldman Richmond, by Carla & Alex Katzenberg III • Loraine Lobe
Cantor Joseph Rosenfeld, by Adina & Zorel Paritzky
Sylvia Rosenfeld, by Adina & Zorel Paritzky
Louis Rosenstein, by Robin & Robert Just
Freddie Rudo, by Judy and Stanley Rudo
George Washington Sauter, by Sylvia Scherr
Dora Matz Schabb, by Oscar Schabb
Lydia Daniella Schabb, by Oscar Schabb
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In commemoration of the birthday anniversary of
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Louis Shane, by Sonya Dillon

Acknowledgments
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**WINTER NIGHTS ON PARK HEIGHTS**

Thursdays in January, 6:30 PM

Current events discussions with our clergy and educators.

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**GREAT NEWS FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation is excited to announce that we have restructured our dues for you. BHC is the only Reform synagogue in Baltimore to offer voluntary dues for first-year members of any age and for congregants under the age of 30.

**INFO:** Jo Ann Windman, 410-764-1587, ext. 223 or baltimorehebrew.org/dues.
SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service
Rabbi Busch will speak
6:30 PM • PJ Shabbat
with Rabbi Sachs-Kohen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43
9 AM • Torah Talk
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
6:15 PM • Family Shabbat
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen will speak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
Vayeshev, Genesis 37:1-40:23
9 AM • Torah Talk
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
6:15 PM • Chanukah Shabbat Service
Rabbi Busch will speak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
Miketz/Chanukah, Genesis 41:1-44:17
9 AM • Torah Talk
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen will speak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27
9 AM • Torah Talk
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service
Rabbi Busch will speak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
Vayechi, Genesis 47:28-50:26
9 AM • Torah Talk
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu