A SEASON OF GIVING-BACK

Give back with BHC. Join in one or all of our opportunities to do a mitzvah—bake casseroles for Our Daily Bread or stop by for Community Mitzvah Day activity.

SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS.
WE GET TO VOTE RE: ISRAEL?
Believe it or not, Jews in America actually do get to vote regarding Israel. We don’t get to vote in elections for the Israeli Knesset, and as non-citizens that is fair. However, every five years, we do get to vote in the World Zionist Congress Elections. That looming title refers to a gathering of Jewish leaders that has decision-making authority regarding certain organizational positions and certain funding streams. This impact isn’t about direct governmental decisions, but it does have real influence on certain aspects of Israeli life that likely concern members of Reform congregations. So I encourage BHC members to prepare to vote between January 21 to March 11, 2020. Instructions on voting can be found below, but here is some background material.

Every five years, the World Zionist Congress meets every five years in Jerusalem. Five hundred delegates gather, and 145 of them are decided by these America elections. In 2015, Reform Jewish delegates made up 39% of those American delegates. In 2020, we would like to see that figure increase. Voting Reform in this election can help influence the expenditures and decisions of the World Zionist Congress, the World Zionist Organization (WZO), the Jewish Agency for Israel and more. The turnout of BHC members and other Reform Jews in 2015 has led to $20 million for the Reform Jewish life in Israel.

In order to vote in these elections, one must be 18 years old by June 30, 2020 self-identify as Jewish, pay a minimal fee when voting, and support the Jerusalem Platform (which doesn’t mean supporting any one specific pro-Israel position, but rather acknowledging that the Jerusalem Platform is the platform of the WZO).

Get ready to vote, by simply going to arza.org, the website of the Reform Zionist Organization. There you can fill out a form to get a reminder linking you to the actual online ballot when voting begins next month. Furthermore, you can encourage friends and family to do the same. If you would like to help encourage BHC to vote in the World Zionist Elections or have any questions, please be in touch with me, abusch@baltimorehebrew.org. Here is a chance to speak our minds and show our support for Reform Judaism and religious pluralism in Israel.

– Rabbi Busch

TRANSPORTATION TO BHC
We want to help you get to services and events. We have two different programs that provide rides to members of BHC and BHC’s auxiliaries.

1. On behalf of BHC Cares, we offer assistance by arranging transportation to BHC services and events. INFO: Sid Bravmann, 410-952-6352.

2. The Irene Gogel Transportation Fund offers taxi transportation, at no charge, for congregants and auxiliary group members who have no alternative means of attending BHC services and activities. INFO: Temple Office, 410-764-1587.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS
For lifecycle events and special occasions, BHC has wonderful facilities to rent, such as the Dalsheimer Auditorium, the Goodwin Center and Straus Social Hall. INFO: Francie Gill, fgill@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587.

YAHZREIAT REMINDER
To have a Yahrzeit name read, call the Temple Office or fill out a card when you come to a service. INFO: Iris Powell, ipowell@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587.
FAMILY TRADITIONS

CHANUKAH AND BUILDING

As December arrives, we reach the end of the calendar year with excitement for the upcoming holiday of Chanukah. Chanukah is a joyous celebration of family, freedom and light, and unlike many other Jewish holidays, it is primarily celebrated at home. In what is usually the coldest, darkest time of the year for many of us, we celebrate by bringing additional light and warmth into our homes. The actual mitzvah or commandment of Chanukah is to light the candles at home with friends and family.

Like most holidays, Chanukah is about building family traditions. It is perfectly acceptable to ask: How do we decorate the house? How do we—or do we—give gifts to each other and to our families, and how do we help people in need?

We all have different backgrounds when it comes to how we celebrate this holiday. After all, it is one of the times where we are not religiously directed. This means that we can incorporate new traditions into the holiday that may last for generations. I think it is very exciting to be able to think about what this holiday means and craft a reminder that links you to generations before you and hopefully generations after you.

The story that most of us were told is that the eight days of Chanukah came about as a result of a one-day supply of oil found during the rededication of the temple as the Macabees beat the larger Syrian army. The oil lasted not for the one day, but for eight days. One way to tell the story of the lasting oil is through food. Latkes or other foods cooked or roasted with oil can be used as a symbol to tell the story of this “miracle.” But certainly, this is not the only way to talk about Chanukah. Families can celebrate each night differently—one night with games involving dreidels – I know that my granddaughter loves games and we use it as a time to talk about the holiday and tradition.

Invariably, I hear people ask about gifts. Do we really have to give gifts for eight days or even give them at all? Of course the answer is no. It can certainly be the right time to continue family and friend discussions about less fortunate people and/or gifts to charity.

As we light the candles each night, I hope you find a way to celebrate in whatever way is meaningful for you. Feel free to experiment; see what works and how you feel. You can decide to do something very different next year, and that’s what makes this holiday so great as you create and build upon your own traditions.

– Richard D. Gross
BHC President

HELP US GROW!

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation has 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.

GEDCO CARES FOOD PANTRY

As colder weather approaches, there is an increased need for non-perishable food donations for The GEDCO Cares Food Pantry. Here are some suggested items to donate, but all non-perishable donations will be appreciated: spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned veggies, canned tuna, and canned salmon.

COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY

BHC will be taking part in Community Mitzvah Day on Wednesday, December 25, 9 AM–NOON. We welcome volunteers to join us for a meaningful and fun project that will once again benefit the Baltimore community. Together, we will make casseroles, special holiday treats, and more. We will provide a light breakfast, social action inspiration, and good music. INFO & RSVP: Brad Cohen, Director of Education bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org

OUR DAILY BREAD

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, z”l, 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 (made out to Our Daily Bread) will be used to purchase institutional size cans of green beans, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, fresh dinner rolls and cake for dessert. Volunteers are also needed – spaces are limited to 40. This opportunity is open to BHC members only. DONATE OR VOLUNTEER: Lauren Yetter, 410-764-1587, ext. 232 or lyyetter@baltimorehebrew.org.

CONNECT TO BHC DIGITALLY

One way BHC builds community is by providing targeted emails regarding different topics and community initiatives. If you are interested, you can sign up for emails regarding:

- Adult learning opportunities
- Notices about deaths and life-cycle events
- Social justice opportunities

You can also sign up to get email from Brotherhood and Women of BHC. Occasionally, BHC sends out news to the whole congregation, but we try to keep those communications to a minimum, except for our Briefly BHC email. We hope you are receiving that weekly. To sign up for any of these email lists visit tinyurl.com/BHCemails, and follow the prompts. And don’t forget to interact with us on social media—follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
UPCOMING AT BHC

WOMEN OF BHC STUDY GROUP
Thursdays, December 5, 12 & 19, 10 AM
Join us for wonderful learning, discussion and noshing as we explore topics taught by BHC educators, clergy, and lay leaders Schmooze during our meet and greet at 10 AM, then learn from 10:30 AM-Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of the sessions. There is no charge for the program. INFO: Sandy Raskin, 410-486-6514 or shraskin@verizon.net.

YOUTH EDUCATION
Sundays, December 8, & 15, 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: PURSING EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES
Sundays, December 8, & 15, 9 AM
PEP is an ongoing Sunday morning learning opportunity. Every PEP class begins with bagels and sweets at 9 AM and concludes at 11:45 AM. INFO: Ruth Spivak, spivakcpa@verizon.net or 410-666-1891.

ADULT BEGINNER HEBREW CLASS
Sundays, December 8, & 15, 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: Marci Messick, mmessick@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587, ext 250.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST
Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM
See page 10 for details.

NEXTGEN: WELLNESS LAB
Sundays, December 8 & 15, 10:30 AM
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP
Sunday, December 8, 10:30 AM
Our Bereavement Group, guided by congregant Dr. Robert Cohen, BHC members and their families continues. INFO: Carol J. Caplan, BHC Cares Chair, caroljc@comcast.net or 410-764-1587 ext. 270.

UNDERSTANDING PRAYERBOOK HEBREW
Sundays, December 8, & 15, 11:15 AM
Cantor Sacks’ Sunday morning course introduces basic prayerbook Hebrew vocabulary and grammar. INFO: Marci Messick, mmessick@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587, ext 250.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sunday, December 8, NOON
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

NEXTGEN: 12TH GRADE FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, December 8, NOON
Tuesday, December 17, 6 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

NEXTGEN: ROSH HODESH/SHEVET
Monday, December 9, 6 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

JEWISH FUNERAL AND ADVANCE PLANNING
Tuesday, December 10, 7 PM
See page 6 for details.

URJ BIENNIAL
Wednesday, December 11 through Sunday, December 15
See page 6 for details.

FAMILY SHABBAT AND DINNER
Friday, December 13, 6:15 PM
This creative service is geared towards families with children in kindergarten and up. Following, all families are invited to a Shabbat dinner; reservations for dinner are required.

KOL ECHAD
Saturday, December 14, 11 AM
See page 6 for details.

TORAH AND SCHMOOZE
Sunday, December 15, 9 AM
Special guest Lauren Rauseo will lead a workshop on Positive Discipline. Enjoy nosh, discussion and exploration of the Torah. INFO & RSVP: Brad Cohen, Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext 290 or bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org.

YOUTH GROUP (1ST-7TH GRADES)
Sunday, December 15, NOON
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

PJ HAVDALAH
Saturday, December 21, 4 PM
Together with your Infant—K children sing, make crafts and enjoy snacks with PJ the Penguin.

COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY
Wednesday, December 25, 9 AM
See page 3 for details.

CHANUKAH SHABBAT AND DINNER
Friday, December 27, 6:15 PM
See page 6 for details.

BHC JUSTICE: WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE
Help keep new arrivals warm. During December and early January, the BHC Immigration Committee is collecting winter clothing for our partner, the Immigration Outreach Service Center (IOSC). IOSC can use new and gently used (and clean!) coats, hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters and other warm clothing (for adults or children) to distribute to new arrivals to Baltimore. Items can be left in the IOSC bin across from the chapel. Gift cards in any amount from major retailers (Walmart, Target, Aldi’s, Uber, Lyft, etc.) are also much needed and much appreciated. Gift cards can be left with the receptionist. INFO: Julie Simon, jsimonknoll@gmail.com.

HELP SAVE LIVES! JOIN THE BHC GET SWABBED TEAM!
Bone marrow registry drives hosted by the BHC Get Swabbed team have helped to make 15 matches and added well over 1,000 individuals to the Gift of Life national registry. Do you know of a group or workplace that might be interested in providing their employees with an opportunity to join the registry? Registrants need to be 18-45 years old. If you would like to join our Get Swabbed team, we would be happy to provide training (quick and easy). INFO: getswabbed@baltimorehebrew.org.
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 Sunday, December 22.

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. BHC’s Chanukah Service will take place on Friday, December 27, 6:15 pm.

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?
**THE JEWISH FUNERAL AND ADVANCE PLANNING**

Join us for a casual educational presentation by Eliza Feller, Director of Advance Planning and Funeral Director at Sol Levinson & Bros at BHC on **Tuesday, December 10, 7 pm**. She will cover traditions both ancient and modern, as well as all of the options available to you and your family. We'll demystify beliefs about who can be buried where, discuss how to craft a service that is uniquely “you,” and give you a chance to ask questions about this surprisingly detailed topic. We’ll also talk about the importance of having these conversations ahead of time. Dessert will be served.

**RSVP** eliza@sollevinson.com by Tuesday, December 3.

**UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM BIENNIAL**

The Union for Reform Judaism Biennial is occurring **December 11-15** in Chicago, IL. BHC is represented by several members, clergy and staff. This convention gives us the opportunity to network, draw inspiration and compare programming and congregational ideas. Some sessions may be available by livestream; see urj.org.

**KOL ECHAD: INCLUSIVE SHABBAT**

Baltimore area synagogues have joined forces to continue the series “Kol Echad: Inclusive Shabbat” for school-aged children with special needs and their families. The 45-minute sessions will include music and movement breaks and are open to students of all abilities and their families. Sensory products like crash pads, weighted blankets and light covers are available.

BHC is one of several synagogues that host monthly Kol Echad services. **On Saturday December 14, 11-11:45 am**, BHC takes one of its two turns to host this inclusive service, which rotates between synagogues. BHC member Dave Berenhaus will lead this service, which has interactive music, allows for much motion and is intended for families with children or other members who would find regular services more challenging. **INFO & RSVP**: Rachel Plotkin, baltimorekolechad@gmail.com.

**CHANUKAH AT BHC**

We will join for our annual Chanukah dinner and celebration on **Friday, December 27**. Join us at 6:15 pm for services in the Sanctuary. Bring your family menorah and candles, and we will light the candles together in the windows of the Sanctuary. Dinner will immediately follow. Dinner is $15 a person or $25 a family.

**RSVP**: baltimorehebrew.org/Chanukah **INFO**: Brad Cohen, Director of Education bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org

**MUSIC & MEANING CONCERT SERIES: NEW YEAR’S CONCERT**

This year’s gala New Year’s “Music and Meaning Concert” on **Sunday, January 5, 3 pm** will feature internationally-acclaimed violinist Timothy Schwarz along with pianist Daniel Weiser doing a very exciting program titled “An American Affair,” showcasing some of the great classical music written by American composers, including fantastic arrangements of Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue” and Bernstein’s “West Side Story.” Also included will be music by African-American composer William Grant Still and the passionate works of Amy Beach.

Schwarz and Weiser, who met as graduate students while at Peabody Conservatory, won the 1996 U.S. Artistic Ambassador Competition which resulted in a two-month tour of the Middle East and Southeast Asia promoting our American music in countries such as Syria, Pakistan, Egypt, Thailand, Sri Lanka and more. They were described as “the most powerful musical ambassadors to have performed in the region” who performed with a “lyricism, passion, and incredible virtuosity.” Both men have performed in over 30 countries and continue to promote our American classical music across the world.

This concert series is generously sponsored by The Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust. Admission is free, and all are welcome. No tickets or RSVP required. Informal. Innovative. Inspiring.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: CANTOR-IN-RESIDENCE**

We will host a Cantor-In-Residence weekend **January 24-26**. Mark your calendar for Shabbat Services, and keep an eye out for other events this weekend when Cantor Elizabeth Shammash of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality visits BHC.

Cantor Shammash has served Tiferet Bet Israel in Blue Bell, PA since 2007 and is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary. She enjoys sharing her passion and calling with congregants of all ages, in music of diverse genres, connecting them to our rich liturgical and cultural tradition. Prior to entering JTS, her career in opera took her to work with orchestras, including the Israel Philharmonic, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, Berlin Radio Symphony, Los Angeles Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra and opera companies including New York City Opera, Wolf Trap Opera, Palm Beach Opera, and the Beijing Music Festival. Two highlights of recent seasons included a Yiddish Liederabend (evening of song) and another in Hebrew at YIVO in New York City. She was a recording artist for the Milken Archive of Jewish Music.

Through her singing training, Cantor Shammash was led to yoga studies in 1993. Her love of yoga and Judaism found their authentic fusion through studies with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, where she currently serves as a faculty member, teaching yoga and mindfulness to rabbis and cantors, including Rabbi Sachs-Kohen. She leads yoga and contemplative prayer inspired by the Jewish calendar in her community and beyond. She is passionate about helping others bring Judaism into the body, voice and heart through both methodical and creative embodied practice. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband, David Reed and their dog, Lenny (named after Leonard Bernstein).

**WINTER NIGHTS ON PARK HEIGHTS**

BHC hosts evenings of current events discussion with a Jewish twist twice annually, in the winter and the summer. Join us next month on **Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6:30 pm** for a series of discussions led by our clergy, educators and members, with refreshments and refreshing perspectives.
PEP: PURSUING EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES

Judaism offers us great opportunities to learn about our traditions, the world, and ourselves. PEP, Pursuing Educational Possibilities, is an ongoing Sunday morning learning opportunity enjoyed by BHC congregants. It’s time to sign up for the spring semester. This spring, Dr. Susanna Garfein will teach “Wisdom Literature” at 9:30 AM. Wisdom literature is concerned with the realities of the human experience, from the mundane to the sublime, and with the relationship between the human experience and the divine.

In this course, we will consider the books of the Bible that belong to this category of literature. Namely, we will survey the books of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes as well as wisdom literature from the ancient Near East. Rabbi Sachs-Kohen will teach “Spiritual Teachings of Chasidic Masters” at 10:45 AM. Study with Rabbi Sachs-Kohen some of the texts she has learned in her fellowship with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS). Having only dipped her toes in, she will not presume to TEACH you these texts, but rather will plan to study them together with you.

The semester begins Sunday, January 26, 9 AM and continues select Sundays throughout the spring. INFO & REGISTRATION: Ruth Spivak, spivakcpa@verizon.net, 410-666-1891.

GREEN BURIALS AT BHC’S CEMETERIES

In order to remain committed to environmentally conscious stewardship in all of our activities and uphold the time-honored values of our tradition, BHC has initiated a Green Burial program at our Berrymans Lane Cemetery in Reisterstown and our Belair Road Cemetery in Baltimore City. A “Green,” or “natural” burial allows a body to return as naturally as possible to the earth. The key elements of Green Burial are not embalming the body, using an unfinished pine casket and burial in a “Green” plot, without an outer burial container. In BHC’s cemeteries, individual Green markers (no double or family markers) will be placed at the head of each grave. Green markers consist of a natural, unsulpted stone that allows engraving of the name and dates. The National Green Burial Council (GBC) has set standards for different levels of Green Burials in the United States and is certifying providers. At this time, BHC’s Cemetery offers a level of Green Burial that is not certified. INFO & PURCHASE: Jo Ann Windman, Executive Director, jwindman@baltimorehebrew.org, 410-764-1587 ext. 223.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

COMING UP AT BHC

We have a lot going on at BHC this month. From a special program by Levinson’s to biennial, family Shabbat and a Chanukah celebration there is no shortage of events as the winter gets colder. We also have many opportunities to volunteer during the holiday season and to bring a little extra cheer to those in the Baltimore community who may need it most.

Over the past two and a half years I have loved spending all seasons with the BHC community and participating in such a wide variety of programs and events with you. As winter comes upon us I have decided to leave BHC and spend my time a little closer to home in Frederick. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you and being a part of the BHC family.

Nicki Stratford
Coordinator of Engagement and Programming

ANNUAL GIVING

DON’T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO QUALIFY FOR A YEAR-END CHARITABLE DEDUCTION!

December marks the year’s end and with the celebration of Chanukah, it’s a time to remember that miracles can happen. This year many of you have been incredibly generous with your support and time. If you’ve been delayed making your Annual Giving 2019-2020 pledge, now is the time. If you make and pay your Annual Giving pledge by December 31, 2019, you will receive a valuable, year-end charitable deduction.

Your support is critical now! BHC programs exist because of your generous gifts to Annual Giving. The truth is, your dues comprise only 47% of the yearly revenue that is necessary to keep BHC your home for worship, learning and celebrating. Your annual gift allows us to maintain and upgrade BHC’s beautiful facility including our building, utilities and grounds; support our amazing clergy and staff; and bring meaningful programs to congregants of all ages. In short, it upholds our commitment to a wonderful, warm and vibrant congregation.

This year your gift means even more with a dollar for dollar match on increases and new gifts by a generous, anonymous congregant donor.

BHC is our Jewish Home – the place where we gather, grow and share the events in our lives, whether they are sad or joyous. 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
STAY SHABBAT
BHC Cares will host a STAY Shabbat (Shabbat that is about you) which allows us to come together and make our community more intimate through conversation and connection on Saturday, February 1, following Shabbat Shelanu. We will have a speaker from the Religious Action Center on disability rights. After services we will have a Kiddush, and time for questions and answers with our speaker.

In February, we celebrate significant milestones in our work for disability rights—the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 45th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This event is open to all at no charge. INFO: Carol J. Caplan, carolcjca@comcast.net.

JEWISH DISABILITIES ADVOCACY DAY
The 10th Anniversary of Jewish Disability Advocacy Day (JDAD) will be held on Tuesday February 4. JDAD is a one-day event in Washington, DC for hundreds of Jews with disabilities and their allies to learn about current disability rights policy, raise awareness on disability inclusion, and advocate for legislation on Capitol Hill. Hosted in partnership with the Jewish Federation of North America. REGISTER: form.jotform.com/92194117680156.

YOUTH EDUCATION

YOUTH EDUCATION: A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR PARENTS
On Sunday, December 15, 9 AM Lauren Rauseo, Certified Positive Discipline Parent Educator and Local Parent will run a workshop for BHC parents. This workshop “Positive Discipline for Parents” will help you transform your family’s life: from chaos to cooperation, from power struggles to problem solving, from losing your mind to gaining connection. The workshop will be from 9:30-11:30 AM; beginning at 9 AM we will have bagels and coffee. There is childcare if you have a younger child not enrolled in Youth Education. This workshop is free and space is limited. RSVP: littlemombiglove.com/BHC

1ST-7TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP
During this December Youth Group gathering, 1st–7th graders will be participating in a pizza lunch before enjoying some Star Wars-themed activities to celebrate the newest release. Join the force Sunday, December 15, Noon. No previous Jedi training required. INFO, RSVP & VOLUNTEER: Alicia Gallant, contact below.

INFO & RSVP:
Brad Cohen, Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext. 290 or bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org
Alicia Gallant, Assistant Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext. 249 or agallant@baltimorehebrew.org

BLUE & YELLOW CURBS
For those with special needs, curbside parking is available near the Hoffberger Chapel entrance and the Adalman Lobby located closer to the main sanctuary. The blue curbs or curbs marked with the handicapped symbol are reserved for those with handicap car tags or displaying handicap placards. When you see a yellow curb you are asked not to park in that area. Your sensitivity and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
see photos and notices of upcoming events
FOLLOW US ON YOUTUBE
see videos of past Shabbat Service sermons

YOUTH EDUCATION

NEXTGEN: THE MILLIE AND ALVIN BLUM 8TH-12TH GRADE TEEN PROGRAM
Check out what December brings for teen engagement:

Wellness Lab - Sundays, December 8 & 15, 10:30 AM
In two sessions, teens will explore the body, spirit and mind through in-depth learning and application of wellness. Topics will range from mental health, meditation to nutrition.

12th Grade Fellowship - Sunday, December 8, Noon and Tuesday, December 17, 6 PM: As a culmination of their time spent in NextGen: The Millie and Alvin Blum 8th-12th Grade Teen Program at BHC, seniors will be engaging with the BHC community at large and will begin to develop additional skills to prepare for college.

Teen Advisory Committee - Sunday, December 8, Noon: The Teen Advisory Committee will meet this month to brainstorm ideas, plan out a range of events and opportunities for teens and promote teen programming at BHC. They are currently planning the content for our Teen Travel Trip to Deep Creek, MD.

Rosh Hodesh/Shevet - Monday, December 9, 6 PM: Rosh Hodesh uses Jewish teachings to give girls 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, led by Alicia Gallant. Shevet, led by Brad Cohen, helps teen boys explore two primary questions: “What does it mean to be a man?” and “What does it mean to be a mensch?”
Honi the Circle Maker was a second century journeyman who is described as a cross between Johnny Appleseed and Rip Van Winkle. One day Honi was walking down the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Out of curiosity, Honi asked, “How long will it take for the tree to produce carob?” The man replied, “Seventy years!” Honi asked, “Will you live for 70 more years?” The man said, “I found carob trees in the world; as my fathers planted these for me so I too plant these for my children.” Honi then fell asleep for 70 years, and when he awoke, he saw a man gathering carob from the tree and asked, “Are you the one who planted this tree?” The man said to Honi, “No I am his grandson.” At this point Honi realizes he slept for 70 years. There is more to the story of Honi the Circle Maker, but what this portion teaches is the importance of leaving something for the next generation. The seeds in the story are about a carob tree, but today, grandparents are planting seeds of knowledge and tradition.

I am sharing the story of Honi the Circle Maker because on November 15, the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center celebrated Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Seeing all the grandparents, aunts and uncles and special friends had me thinking about my grandparents. My grandmother taught me about lighting the Shabbat candles. Since I was the only grandchild at the time, I learned how to say the Kiddish and the Motzi from my grandfather, and I would assist my grandmother in the kitchen when it was time to roll her matzoh balls. There is so much more to tell, but most importantly I learned about Jewish values and giving tzedakah by putting money in the Pushke (tzedakah box) and the importance of family and family traditions. Unfortunately, my grandparents have since passed away, but today’s generation is blessed with a plethora of ways to communicate if not in person. There is the phone, email and even video chat. Every family has its own history, and, just as Honi the Circle Maker learned what grandparents, aunts and uncles and special friends must do for future generation: create a special connection of sharing traditions from generation to generation, L’Dor Vador.

Jen Platt
Acting Director, E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center

Chai Life

JOIN US FOR CHANUKAH
We spent a wonderful day at the farm in November. We met at Larriland Farm and spent the afternoon picking apples. It was chilly, but it was fun. This month we are looking forward to joining with the greater BHC community for the Chanukah celebration on the Friday, December 27, 6:15 pm. We also are planning a latke cooking evening. Make sure to check out the Chai Life Facebook page to stay up to date on what’s going on.

Shira Moskowitz
Chai Life Chair

E.B. HIRSH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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HOFFBERGER GALLERY

Artist Biography: Through her acrylic on canvas paintings, artist and Registered Architect Suzi Galletti aims to evoke spiritually uplifting common threads that transcend personal perspectives. Suzi draws on a lifetime of experience in many mediums, constantly exploring the interplay between color, balance, and proportion. Her large format, award-winning, non-representational paintings fuse vibrant emotional depth with the structured lyricism of music, the flow and spontaneity of nature, and the spatial relationships of architecture. Multiple layers built up with palette knives combine to create a compelling visual impact of stunning richness of color and texture. Ms. Galletti is a Baltimore County native, and a Timonium resident. She has a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and a masters in architecture. Her work can be found at suzigalletti.com, where you can email her directly to inquire about commissions and prints of her work.

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFASTS

Join the Brotherhood for lox, bagels, cream cheese, scrambled eggs, Danish, juice and fresh-brewed coffee when our Sunday breakfast series continues on **Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM**. The guest speaker is the Mayor of Baltimore, Bernard C. “Jack” Young. Mr. Young served from 2010 to 2019 as the President of the Baltimore City Council, and for 14 years prior to that, as a District Councilman. His topic will be “The Future of Baltimore.” Brotherhood Breakfasts are always free for members, and $10 for all guests. Registration is required. **RSVP:** baltimorehebrew.org/breakfast. **INFO:** Sid Bravmann, 410-952-6352.

The following month, on **Sunday, January 12, 9:30 AM**, our guest speaker will be Kevin Cowherd. Mr. Cowherd was a sports columnist and features writer for the “Baltimore Sun” for 32 years and is the best-selling author of several baseball novels for young readers written with Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Jr. Mr. Cowherd’s latest work of non-fiction is “When the Crowd Didn’t Roar: How Baseball’s Strangest Game Ever Gave a Broken City Hope.”

Then, on **Sunday, February 9, 9:30 AM** the speaker is long-time political columnist Barry Rascovar. His topic will be “Presidential Primaries: Trump vs. ??” This will be a nonpartisan talk about where the primaries stand and the deep divisions within this country, which mirror what is occurring in democracies abroad.

SAVE THE DATE: SEDER PRESENTED BY BROTHERHOOD

Save the date for our Passover Seder presented by Brotherhood, the afternoon of **Sunday, March 29** with Cantor Ellerin. We are looking for volunteers to help organize the Seder. **INFO & VOLUNTEER:** Perry Cocke, 443-418-7908.

THE WOMEN OF BHC (WBHC)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: INTERFAITH INSTITUTE

Preparations are well underway for the 60th Annual Interfaith Institute. Scheduled for **Monday, March 16, 9:30 AM-2 PM** the topic for this year is “Understanding Contemporary Antisemitism” with Keynote Speaker Doron Ezickson, ADL, Regional Director (Washington DC region). The Institute is acknowledged to be one of the exceptional programs BHC offers the community, bringing together members of all faiths to approach from their multiple perspectives issues of universal importance. **INFO:** Carol J. Caplan, 410-764-1587, ext. 270.

JUDAICA SHOP

With Chanukah on the horizon, we are all set to jump into a new set of holidays. Be sure to check out the new offerings in our Judaica Shop. Mavens Paula Cohen and Ann Fishkin have been stocking up on appealing treats for everyone on your gift list. Our Judaica Shop is set for everything Chanukah from now until Chanukah with expanded shop hours the week of December 1. Or, make an appointment—call the Temple office to get information.

Speaking of gifts, the 25th Annual Holiday Boutique was a smash hit, netting funds vital to the life of the Congregation.

Y.E.S. FUND

Once again, WBHC tops the honor roll for the Y.E.S. Fund—for Youth, Education, and Special Projects—which supports much important work in these areas across the nation. Through the sale of Uniongrams and donations, we support scholarships, camperships, and rabbinic students in need, among other important initiatives.

WEEKEND BACKPACKS

On one Thursday per month WBHC members help Sandee Nagel load Weekend Backpacks. We are also collecting pajamas for the children they serve; any size is fine. You can drop them off at the reception desk. If you buy on Amazon, you can designate a charity to which Amazon will contribute for every purchase. The website is smile.amazon.com, then search “weekend backpacks for homeless children.” By January, this effort will expand to filling 900 backpacks. Even more than volunteers to fill the bags, they need drivers to take the bags to the schools where they will be distributed. **INFO:** Carole Wilder, wildwoman6@verizon.net.
IN MEMORIAM
We record with sorrow the passing of
Natalie May Boslow
Selma Carton
Representative Elijah E. Cummings
Iris Donchin
Freda Garellick
Shirley Herman
Lori Ann Jensen
Terry Langbaum
Jack Levin
Arthur Samet
Leslie Scherr
Leonard Smith
Ellen Spak
Hannah Wolf
May their memories be a blessing.

PERPETUAL MEMORIALS

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Samuel Benesch
Sadie B. Blankman
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Nathan Herman
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Charles Howard Hyman

December 13-14
Helen Kahn Bar
Gwen R. Becker
Abe Behrend
Clara Bergman
Allan A. Blankman
Maurice U. Cahn
Irma Klaff Davison
Eva Eichengreen
Samuel G. Feinglass
Gertrude R.
Fensterwald
Esther Fink
Esther P. Finkelstein
Rose Frank
Harry Friedlander
Bessie Glickman
Benjamin Goldberg
Florence M.
Goldstein
Sylvia W. Goldstein
Leon Goldstone
Anna Gordon
William Greenwald
Edwin Gutman
Betsy E. Haas
Milton Haberman
Rose Glasser
Breslau Harris
Raymond Hart
Jack R. Henneson
Nathan Herskowitz
David Edward
Hettleman
Edward Himmelfarb
Reba F. Horwitz
Louis Hyman
Thomas Iseckoff
Rachel Kabik
Jerome William
Kahn
Max Kahn
Bertha Kaufman

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Jack Goldstein
Laura Frank Greif Samuel J. Gross
Nathan Gutman Jacob E. Haas
Adolf L. Hamburger

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Sadie F. Olch Katherine D.
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Leah Sagal
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Klara Siegel
Ralph Silver
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Herbert M. Solomon
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Marriage
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Ann & Richard A. Fishkin for all you do, by Linda Miller
Michael Grossfeld, by Marta Braverman

Birth
McCoury Robert Perl, son of Jenny & Gregory Perl, grandson of Susan & Edward Perl

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For the speedy recovery of
Jodi Sindler Gilmore, by Barbara & Arnold Sindler
Barry Laventstein, by Barbara & Arnold Sindler
Jean Platt, by Ann & Richard A. Fishkin
Merle Ann Siegelman, by Suzanne Strutt Claire Sigwart, by Carol Slotnick

In honor of
Connie & Aron Beninghove on the birth of their daughter, Louisa Mae Beninghove, by her grandparents, Martha & B. Lee Beninghove
The privilege of our aliyah on Yom Kippur, by Suzanne Strutt & Joel Brenner
The privilege of an aliyah on Rosh Hashanah, by Sue Brown
Tykira Carter on her graduation as a certified Nursing Assistant, by the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center

In memory of
Mildred Blum, by Frona Brown & Beryl Rosenberg
Samuel H. Brody, by Paul Brody
Blanche D. Brotman, by Sue Brown
Robert Burkoff, by Carolyn & John Hotz
Gertrude Chaitetz, by Minna Katz
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December 14
Olivia Finn, daughter of Barbara & Tom Finn, granddaughter of Linda Schwartz

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Marlene Trestman & Henry Kahn on the marriage of their son, Eli Kahn, to Jayme Wainer, by Ilene & John Brooks • Nancy & Curt Civin • Suzanne & Dan Crone, Ill
Alec Kalisch for the privilege of chanting Torah, by his grandmother, Marsha Kalisch
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Rabbi Sachs-Kohen for Rosh Hashanah Under the Stars, by Sheryl Cooper
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The privilege of participating in High Holy Day services, by Barbara & Thomas Finn
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Special Birthdays
Jerry Eisenstein, Robert Fleishman, Will Marbury, Calvin Harris, Jr., Todd Jaffe, Lauren Levy, Marmie Fishel, Melissa Daniels, Kate Rosenblatt, Melinda Brandt, Staci Mandelberg, Barbara Goodman, Barbara Kaylor, Caarleen Schwimmer, Christopher Erb, Martin Brodsly, Mindy Kramer, Phyllis Lederman, Rachael Barnett, Melissa Weissman, Ruth Asman, Jason Comoglio, Ralph Brunn, Jeanne Robin, David Weisman

Special Anniversaries
45th Sharon & Henry Halperin Peggy & Paul Sandler
40th Virginia Adams & Neal Friedlander
35th Amy & Mitchell Barker
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Freda Garelick, by Joy Nelson
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Dr. Marvin N. Goldstein, by Judy & Jerry Macks & Family
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Lori Ann Jensen, by Corrine Mintzes
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Bessie Ricklen, by Annette Romanoff
Hilda Romanoff, by Annette Romanoff
Samuel Romanoff, by Annette Romanoff
Louis Rosenstein, by Robin & Robert Just
Morton Sachs, by Ronnie & Stanley Amernick
Morton Salawitch, by Lee Salawitch
Arthur Samet, by the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center
Dora Matz Schabb, by Oscar Schabb
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Gordon Allen Schwartz on the occasion of his granddaughter, Olivia Finn, becoming a Bat Mitzvah, by Barbara & Thomas Finn
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Leonard Smith, by Debra & Howard Mirvis
Ellen Spak, by Marta Braverman
Gene Strull, by Ilona & David Strull
Nancy Dillon Tobias, by Sonya Dillon
Margery Wolf, by Mahela & John Wolf

In Commemoration of the birthday anniversary of
Manuel Q. Goldstein, by Judy & Jerry Macks & Family
Louis Shane, by Sonya Dillon

Acknowledgments
Appreciation is expressed for messages of good wishes and Books of Uniongrams received by
Esther Ruth Drager on her special birthday
Shirley Simon in memory of Irving Simon
Jerry Weinstein on his special birthday

PERPETUAL MEMORIAL

Yahrzeit literally means “year’s time” or “anniversary.” When we recite the Kaddish, we pay tribute to those who blessed us in life and continue to bless us through memory. Included in the cost of establishing a Perpetual Memorial for a loved one is: A page in the leather-bound Book of Memorial on display in our Sanctuary; Annual notification to family and friends; Deceased name read from the bema.

INFO: Francie Gill, fgill@baltimorehebrew .org, 410-764-1587, ext. 226. Or, simply fill in and return the entire form to BHC, 7401 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208.

Perpetual Memorial: $750
Name of Deceased ________________________________ □M □F

Relationship of Deceased to Donor ________________________________

Date of Birth ___________ Date of Death ___________

Observe Hebrew Date □Yes □No Hebrew Date ___________

Announce name from Bema □Yes □No

Dedicated by ________________________________

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Send Yahrzeit notices to:
1. Name ________________________________ 2. Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________ Address ________________________________
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Open Letter
TO THE WORLD

We, the families of the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting, want to thank you for your support and love over the past year.

Our families lost 11 irreplaceable, beautiful Jewish souls. The sorrow and agony was deeply personal and unending. Through your unwavering support, you showed us that we are all one in our sorrow. You showed that the mindset that stole our loved ones has no place in America.

Thank you for showing us that we are one Community - one Jewish, one interfaith, one Pittsburgh, one country, and one world. We are truly stronger together.

With love from the families of:

Joyce Fienberg
Richard Gottfried
Rose Mallinger
Jerry Rabinowitz
Cecil Rosenthal
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Bernice Simon
Sylvan Simon
Daniel Stein
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**WINTER NIGHTS ON PARK HEIGHTS**

Every Tuesday in January, 6:30 PM

Current events discussions with our clergy and educators

See details on page 6.

**CANTOR-IN-RESIDENCE**

Friday-Sunday, January 24-26

Cantor-in-Residence weekend with Cantor Elizabeth Shammash, Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She will participate in Shabbat Service, Shabbat Shelanu and other events.

See details on page 6.

**STAY SHABBAT**

Saturday, February 1, following Shabbat Shelanu

Come together and make our community more intimate through conversation and connection.

See details on page 8.
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David K. Weis
Controller
Tracy Ringel
Director of Communications and Design

COUNSEL
Carl S. Silverman

SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service
Rabbi Busch, Cantor Ellerin and Cantorial Intern Mann
6:30 PM • PJ Shabbat
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
Vayetzei, Genesis 28:10-32:3
9 AM • Torah Talk
Rabbi Busch
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu
Rabbi Busch, Cantor Ellerin and Cantorial Intern Mann

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
6:15 PM • Family Shabbat
BHC clergy, teens, and Cory Hermann

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43
9 AM • Torah Talk
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu
Rabbi Buchdahl
10:30 AM • Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Finn, daughter of Barbara & Tom Finn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen and Cantor Ellerin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1-40:23
9 AM • Torah Talk
Rabbi Busch
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu
Rabbi Busch and Cantor Ellerin
4 PM • PJ Havdalah
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
6:15 PM • Chanukah Shabbat Service
Rabbis Busch and Sachs-Kohen and Cantor Ellerin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1-44:17
9 AM • Torah Talk
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen
10 AM • Shabbat Shelanu
Rabbi Sachs-Kohen and Cantor Ellerin

Hearing loops are available in all of our worship spaces and some of our social halls. Simply turn on the T-coil or ask an usher for a headset.