TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SCHOOL VIOLENCE

BHC WORKSHOP FEATURING NANCY KISLIN, LCSW, AUTHOR OF “LOCKDOWN”

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**WORTH A 2ND MENTION: WZO ELECTIONS**

Every five years, Jews around the world can vote in the World Zionist Elections. This year, these elections take place from January 21 to March 11. You can vote if you are 18 or older and identify as Jewish. I wrote a column about this a few months ago, but this election is important enough for a second mention. I encourage you to vote Reform in the World Zionist Elections. For more information, you can go to arza.org, the website of Reform Judaism’s Zionist arm, ARZA. We didn’t have the actual voting website as of this bulletin’s deadline, but arza.org will lead you there.

This winter is a bit confusing. Israelis are going to vote on March 2. We can’t vote in that third election in a year. I would encourage you to follow the news and learn more about Israel through witnessing the election campaigns and eventual results. However, the World Zionist Organizations elections are different. These WZO elections don’t impact who will be the Prime Minister or the results for the Knesset. These WZO elections also don’t directly impact Israeli law.

However, voting Reform in the World Zionist Elections can impact on the make-up of the World Zionist Organization Congress. It will have impact on spending and policy amongst a number of legacy Zionist organizations in Israel. These organizations have impact on the rights of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel regarding a range of issues. These elections can deepen the egalitarianism in Israeli life. These elections can impact who is appointed to certain key positions in organizations, such as the Jewish Agency for Israel.

I would be happy to discuss the World Zionist Organization Elections with you and why a vote for Reform matters. If you want to volunteer to help others understand the importance of voting, please let me know. To learn more about the election and understand its importance for Reform Judaism, see arza.org.

– Rabbi Busch

**LIFECYCLE EVENTS**

BHC has wonderful facilities to rent for lifecycle events and special occasions, such as the Dalsheimer Auditorium, the Goodwin Center and the Straus Social Hall. **INFO:** Francie Gill, Facility/Event Coordinator, 410-764-1587, ext. 226.

**IN THE HOSPITAL?**

Due to hospital policy, clergy and BHC Cares volunteers have no way of knowing if you are in the hospital unless you or a family member inform us. **INFO:** Iris Powell, ipowell@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587, ext. 224.

**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.

**BJC ADVOCACY DAY**

BHC is a member organization of the Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC). Each year, the BJC holds an Advocacy Day in Annapolis during the legislative session. Join with BJC on **Tuesday February 18**, beginning at 4:30 PM. Bus transportation available. To register and for more information, see baltjc.org.

**TORAH TALK**

Lively discussion occurs every Saturday morning, 9-10 AM, as clergy and others lead our weekly Shabbat Torah Talk. Long-time attendees and first-timers are welcome and encouraged to participate. No prior preparation or Hebrew is required.

**Questions:** Ask our Rabbis.
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

EIN GEDI 2020

In December, seven BHC members, led by Rabbi Busch, Cantor Ellerin, and Brad Cohen, traveled to Chicago for the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial 2019 convention. Our delegation joined 5,000 other Reform Jews from across North America and the world to pray, learn, share ideas, sing and dance. The Biennial offered us all an opportunity to compare notes with similar congregations, learn best practices from around the movement, connect with colleagues and friends, and grow even more excited about progressive Jewish life throughout the world. All Biennials feature amazing speakers, scholars and moving worship opportunities, and Chicago did not disappoint. The Biennial focuses on issues of inclusion, since both our communities and our religion are stronger when they make intentional space for all.

The Biennial, one of the largest Jewish religious conferences in the United States, is like other Jewish gatherings in that a visitor can find so many choices to fill the day. I attended sessions on Torah study, social justice and engagement of youth and senior members in the congregation. The highlight for most of our BHC delegates was the Friday evening Shabbat service, which represented a fantastic experimental service with a range of styles and moods based on the inclusivity of the Reform movement. In addition to prayer, the video feed displayed poems, pictures, related biblical verses and crowd-sourced responses to questions such as “What gives us strength?” At one point it moved from a folk tune composed by a current Reform singer to a Moroccan Jewish melody, to a spoken interlude about resisting labels and definitions.

Of course, the service included a great deal of traditional elements, and its overall structure was not that different from any Friday night service at BHC. As a bonus, a 78-person choir led us in song, and it was magical. The service clearly was just one of the ways the Biennial tried to balance current traditions and, at the same time, push the boundaries of worship and prayer. On Shabbat morning, we were invited to choose alternative worship styles, for example, a yoga-centered worship service with Israeli leaders. Another morning, attendees could worship at a service centered around electronic dance music.

This was my second Biennial. It was so helpful connecting with other presidents 250 of which were in attendance. I was able to share ideas and common issues and to confirm best practices, some of which we will try at BHC. A recurring theme in the sessions I attended with presidents was the importance of making sure that everything that we do aligns with our mission and vision. As we continue to grow our congregation, I am excited to work with our clergy and lay leadership to help shape our future.

The next URJ Biennial is December 8-11, 2021 in Washington, D.C. (National Harbor). Let’s plan on sending a large delegation. I promise you will come away thinking about new ideas and challenged to make BHC grow in ways you never imagined.

— Richard D. Gross
BHC President
UPCOMING AT BHC

YOUTH GROUP (1ST-5TH GRADES)
Saturday, February 1, 5 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

BHC JUSTICE HAVDALAH
Saturday, February 1, 6 PM
See page 7 for details.

YOUTH EDUCATION
Sundays, February 9, & 23, 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. See page 8 for details.

ADULT BEGINNER HEBREW CLASS
Sundays, February 2, 9, & 23, 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.

ADULT B’NOT Mitzvah
Sundays, February 2, 9, & 23, 10:30 AM
UNDERSTANDING PRAYERBOOK HEBREW
Sundays, February 2, 9 & 23, 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.

NEXTGEN: BECOMING A LEADER: 8TH-9TH GRADE LAB
Sunday, February 2, Noon
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

PJ SHABBAT
Friday, February 7, 6:30 PM
Bring your toddlers and young children for BHC’s pajama-clad service the first Friday of every month. Sing, bring tzedakah, hear a story and have fun.

KOL ECHAD: AN INCLUSIVE SHABBAT
Friday, February 7, 6 PM
See page 5 for details.

NEXTGEN: SOCIAL GATHERING
Saturday, February 8, 5 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

TORAH AND SCHMOOZE
Sunday, February 9, 9 AM
Join our clergy for a light nosh and learning. INFO & RSVP: Brad Cohen, Director of Education, 410-764-1587, ext 290 or bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org.

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

E.B. HIRSH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TU B’SHEVAT
Monday, February 10, 10:30 AM
See the Youth Education column on page 9 for details.

NEXTGEN: ROSH HODESH/SHEVET
Monday, February 10, 6 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

FAMILY SHABBAT AND DINNER
Friday, February 14, 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. See page 6 for details.

PJ HAVDALAH
Saturday, February 15, 4 PM
Together with your Infant–K children sing, make crafts and enjoy snacks with PJ the Penguin.

NEXTGEN: COOKING CLUB
Monday, February 24, 6 PM
See the Youth Education column on page 8 for details.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PURIM FOR ALL AGES IN 5780
The Bible’s Book of Esther calls upon us to celebrate each year in the month of Adar. As you know, BHC holds a Purim Shpiel and Carnival.

This year, BHC will hold an Adult Purim Party. This Hebrew year is 5780, so we will celebrate the 80s with adults on Saturday, March 7, 7 PM.

For our kid-focused Purim events, the Purim Megillah is Sunday, March 8, 10:30 AM and the Purim Carnival, 11:30 AM. If you want to help with either, please be in touch with Brad Cohen, Director of Education, bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org.

As Rabbi Michael Strassfeld describes Purim, “The story itself is a grand farce, filled with absurdly lucky coincidences, where the right person is always in the right place at the right time (or, in the case of Haman, in the wrong place at the wrong time.)” So get ready to be in the right place at the right time for Purim and to celebrate our ancient survival and our ongoing Jewish journey together, with

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**CONGREGATIONAL WISH LIST**

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**GREAT NEWS FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

BHC welcomes Indiana University’s Hooshir A Cappella Group

Join us for Shabbat evening services on **Friday, February 28, 6:15 PM**, **Saturday, February 29, 10:30 AM**, and on **Sunday, March 1, 10:30 AM**, as we welcome Indiana University’s (IU) premiere Jewish a cappella group, Hooshir. Hooshir, founded by Cantor Ellerin while he was a student at IU, is a three-time winner of the collegiate Jewish a cappella competition. Our Cantorial Intern Becky Mann is also a past director of the group. Hooshir is comprised of students from all walks of life on campus as they study music, business, education, science, media, and everything in-between in beautiful Bloomington, Indiana. They tour each year and perform at synagogues, festivals, competitions, and both Jewish and secular events around the country. Their repertoire ranges from Israeli pop to Jewish sacred music to American pop music and standards. Feel free to check them out in advance at their website hooshir.com and then join us as we welcome them to BHC for the first time.

**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. Beth El Congregation will host on **Friday, February 7, 6 PM**, and BHC is excited to host again on **Saturday, March 7, 11 AM**. 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. **INFO & RSVP**: Rachel Plotkin, baltimorekolechad@gmail.com.

**ADULT ONLY PURIM 80’S DANCE PARTY**

Go Back to the Future with BHC’s Adult only Purim Party! Join us for drinks and desserts. Hang out with your friends, meet new people, hear the Megillah, play games, dance the night away to your favorite 80’s music and more. Don’t forget to dress up in your favorite 80’s outfits! **Saturday, March 7, 7 PM** $10 cover at the door. **RSVP**: Brad Cohen, Director of Education, at bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org All of those who RSVP before February 15 will be entered into a raffle for an 80’s gift basket!

**PURIM CARNIVAL AND PURIM PLAY**

Sensory friendly Purim Carnival (new this year). The whole family can participate in sensory friendly carnival games, face painting, cotton candy, and more. **Sunday, March 8, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** an 80’s Purim Play and Megillah Reading. **Sunday, March 8, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM** a Purim Carnival, games, popcorn, music, inflatables and more. Explore new games created by our 7th graders, a special preschool area (featuring a five and under only bounce house) and more.

Tickets are available for purchase the day of the Purim Carnival: 10 tickets for $5 or 20 tickets for $10 dollars. **INFO**: Contact Brad Cohen, Director of Education bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org or 410-764-1587.

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Friday, February 14, 6:15 PM
Share in a Shabbat geared towards families with children in Kindergarten and up (babysitting available for 4 years old and under). This creative service is led by students, songleader Cory Hermann, and our clergy and educators on the second Friday of each month at 6:15 PM. It is a shorter, more musical and visual service. Following each Family Shabbat, all families are invited to share in a Shabbat dinner generously sponsored by the Lois Rosenfield Caring Fund. Reservations for dinner are required.

RSVP for Family Shabbat dinner: https://tinyurl.com/sgoyhae
INFO: Brad Cohen, 410-764-1587 or bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org.
BHC JUSTICE: IMMIGRANT COMMITTEE

We are incredibly excited to announce that The Family Diversity Art Project: Building Bridges is at BHC from mid-January into early February. This moving art installation of photographs and interviews tells the stories of people who have come to the United States as immigrants and refugees from all over the world.

Seeing their pictures and reading their stories we get a glimpse into their trials and triumphs as they make America their new home. Whether you are already coming to BHC or making a special trip, don’t miss this important and powerful display!

In conjunction with the Art Project, we are also thrilled to be hosting an immigration-focused Havdalah event on Saturday, February 1, 4-6 PM. We will be joined by three outstanding speakers: Baltimore City Councilman Zeke Cohen will tell the story of his family’s journey and its connection to the vibrancy brought by recent immigrants to Baltimore. Giuliana Valencia-Banks of the Esperanza Center will teach us about the current challenges facing those trying to navigate our immigration system, and Leslie Seid Margolis will tell us about her recent travels to the border to bear witness to the humanitarian crisis unfolding there. We will close with Havdalah.

And also: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Winter Clothing Collection! Your kind donations are keeping so many kids toasty warm in this cold weather. We will continue to take donations of new and gently used (and clean!) coats, hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters and other warm clothing (for adults or children) as well as gift cards from major retailers, in any amount, through February. INFO: Julie Simon, jsimonknoll@gmail.com.

PEP: PURSUING EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES

Judaism offers us great opportunities to learn about our traditions, the world and ourselves. PEP 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 Chassidic 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, February 2, 9 AM and continues on the following Sundays through the spring: February 23, March 1 & 15 and April 19. INFO & REGISTRATION: Ruth Spivak, spivakcpa@verizon.net, 410-666-1891.

JEWISH DISABILITIES ADVOCACY DAY

In February, we will be celebrating our work for disability rights with the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and 45th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). We also mark the 10th anniversary of Jewish Disability Advocacy Day (JDAD) on Tuesday, February 4. In partnership with The Jewish Federation of North America, JDAD is a one-day event in Washington, D.C., for hundreds of Jews with disabilities and their supporters to learn about current disability rights policy, raise awareness on disability inclusion, and advocate for legislation on Capitol Hill. The prophet Isaiah teaches, “For my house shall be a house of prayer for all my people” (Isaiah 56). Don’t miss the chance to advocate and ensure that every member is treated with dignity in all aspects of religious and public life.

REGISTER: form.jotform.com/92194117680156. INFO: Carol J. Caplan, BHC Cares Chair, 410-764-1587, ext.270 or caroljcj@comcast.net.
YOUTH EDUCATION

Aristotle said, “All humans by nature desire to understand.” As our second semester began we introduced some new electives for our 3rd-6th graders. The most popular electives were 1. Hebrew Café 2. Kibbutz Exploration and 3. Caine’s Torah Arcade. Each of these electives work on the premise of curiosity that is driven by the learner. We strive in our Youth Education program to promote learning that will peak students’ curiosity.

1ST-5TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP
Saturday, February 1, 5 PM - After enjoying a pizza dinner, 1st - 5th graders will rotate through age-appropriate activities and enjoy social time with their peers.
INFO, RSVP & VOLUNTEER: Alicia Gallant, contact below.

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

12th Grade Fellowship – Sunday, February 2, 9 AM and Tuesday, February 18, 6 PM This fellowship is a prestigious opportunity for 12th grade students to develop additional skills to prepare them for college.

Social Gathering – Saturday, February 8, 5 PM With the help of the Teen Advisory Committee, NEXTGEN will host their annual Movie Night at BHC. Come in your pajamas and enjoy a movie screening. Dinner and snacks will be provided. Movie TBD.

Teens Talk – Sunday, February 9, 10 AM NEXTGEN is partnering with the Center for Jewish Education to bring BHC teens the opportunity to Skype with teens in Odessa, Ukraine. The teens on both sides will exchange videos of their communities before Skyping in real time.

Rosh Hodesh/Shevet – Monday, February 10, 6 PM This program uses Jewish teachings to give girls and boys 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.

Cooking Club – Monday, February 24, 6 PM Igniting culinary passions, Cooking Club combines teens’ love of cooking and eating with a view into the past as they make iconic Jewish dishes and learn about their back stories. Dinner will be provided.

L’TAKEN WEEKEND
Our Confirmation class will travel to Washington, D.C., on the weekend of February 21 - 24 to lobby congress, learn about Reform Jewish values and experience Shabbat in the Nation’s Capitol.

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

SAVE THE DATE
SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE:
RABBI DR. SHMULY YANKLOWITZ

March 20-22, 9 AM - 8 PM - Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz is the President and Dean of Valley Beit Midrash, Founder and President of Uri L’Tzedek, Founder and CEO of The Shamayim V’Aretz Institute, and Founder and President of YATOM: The Jewish Foster and Adoption Network.

Rabbi Yanklowitz’s writings have appeared in outlets as diverse as the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, the Guardian, and the Atlantic, among many other secular and religious publications. Rabbi Yanklowitz is a sought-after educator, social justice activist, and motivational speaker, as well as the author of eleven books on Jewish spirituality, social justice, and ethics. His most recent book, Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary, was published by CCAR Press in 2018.

LOCKDOWN: TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SCHOOL VIOLENCE

In Nancy Kislin’s book, LOCKDOWN: Talking To Your Kids About School Violence, she offers unprecedented professional insight and critical therapeutic guidance to help parents, teachers, school administrators and social service professionals successfully nurture and heal children in this era of school shootings. Nancy shares with the reader children’s stories of lockdown drills and gives parents strategies to help teach their children coping skills. Parents need to be armed with knowledge and techniques to help their children heal and thrive in this climate of fear.

Nancy will be giving two presentations on Sunday, February 9: 9:30–11 AM for parents, grandparents, and community members 12:30–2 PM for teachers, administrators and professionals (CEU’s are available for this session).

Advance registration required: RSVP: tinyurl.com/NancyKislin
INFO: Brad Cohen, Director of Education, bcohen@baltimorehebrew.org
E.B. HIRSH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

TU B’SHEVAT

The holiday of Tu B’Shevat (15th of Shevat), the birthday of the trees, begins this year on the evening of Sunday, February 9 and ends the evening of Monday, February 10. Many often wonder why we are celebrating the birthday of trees in the middle of winter. The 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat is the earliest time when trees begin to emerge from their winter sleep. The rainy season begins around Sukkot and saturates the soil, nurturing the trees to help them blossom and produce fruit.

Trees are a part of the natural wonder of the world and have special symbolism for the Jewish people. The Torah is the “Tree of Life,” a source of our spiritual sustenance. As Early Childhood Educators, we can make a connection between trees and young children.

In the story “Travis the Tree” by Rabbi Molly G. Kane, Travis the Tree lives in Prospect Park in Brooklyn. He is confused about why there would be a birthday celebration for trees in the middle of winter. He thought it was silly to have this celebration when it is cold, the trees are naked and get frostbite on their branches, which sometimes causes the branches to break. Travis tried to talk to all his Prospect Park neighbors about canceling Tu B’Shevat. However, Ellie, the wise old mouse of the park, heard what Travis was saying and had to speak up. Elie told Travis that Tu B’Shevat is not just about beautiful leaves, but it is about having strong roots and in the winter months the roots of trees grow the strongest. Therefore, birthdays are all about growth and planting for the future.

Children are a lot like trees. Each year we celebrate birthdays and marvel at how much they have grown from the previous year. At the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center and Baltimore Hebrew Congregation we give our families the opportunity to grow roots to make our community stronger and more vibrant with PJ Shabbat and PJ Havdalah, the PTA, Religious School and many other congregational activities. As a community, the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center wants to continue to grow and maintain strong roots for our current and future families. Please come for a tour, and if you have any questions regarding enrollment for the 2020-2021 academic year, do not hesitate to call, 410-764-7281.

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

WHAT WE ARE DOING ON TU B’SHEVAT

On Monday February 10, the children at the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center will eat/sample food from the three categories of fruits or nuts typically eaten on Tu B’Shevat. They will sample fruits with a hard outer shell or peel that can not be eaten like a kiwi, banana or mango; fruits with an edible outside but inedible inside like olives, avocados and dates; and finally they will eat fruits that are completely edible on the inside and out like raisins, cranberries and strawberries.

HOFFBERGER GALLERY

“EAST/WEST”
WORK BY KAREN KLINEDINST
Exhibit dates: January 3 - February 24

Artist Biography: Karen Klinedinst is an artist using photography to explore themes of place, nature and the environment. Inspired by the 19th-century landscape paintings of the Hudson River School, she creates richly layered landscapes that combine the real with the imagined.

Her work has been exhibited at Maryland Art Place, Soho Photo Gallery, University of Maryland Global College, The Center for Fine Art Photography, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, and the Biggs Museum of American Art. In 2018, her series, The Emotional Landscape, was exhibited at the Griffin Museum of Photography in Stoneham, MA. Her work is in the collection of the National Park Service.

She is a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore. In 2004, she was awarded a Platte Clove artist residency at the Catskills Center she completed for Conservation and Development in New York; and in 2006, a National Park Service artist residency at Acadia National Park in Maine. In April 2020, she will be an artist-in-residence at PLAYA in Summer Lake, OR. In 2015, was awarded an Individual Artist Award from the Maryland State Arts Council.

CHAI LIFE

THE WORD TRIVIA IS:
A) Derived from the Hebrew root meaning perplexed or uncertain.
B) Derived from the Latin meaning “triple way.”
C) The name of BHC’s 20s and 30s professional group.

If you guessed “B” and are in your 20s or 30s, you are correct and should join Chai Life (BHC’s actual young professional group) for weekly trivia at Homslyce in Mt. Vernon on Thursdays throughout the winter. If you are interested, please contact Shira at myhairpoofsout@gmail.com to be added to the trivia email list and receive weekly updates.

ARE YOU IN YOUR 20s OR 30s?

Be part of Chai Life gatherings such as trivia nights, games, Shabbat dinners, “Helping Hons” and more!
Join the Brotherhood for lox, bagels, cream cheese, scrambled eggs, Danish, juice and fresh-brewed coffee when our Sunday breakfast series continues 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.

Looking forward to our April 19, 9:30 AM breakfast, we will have George W. Korch, Ph.D. Director of the Department of Homeland Security’s National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center and President of the Battelle National Biodefense Institute. The topic for the presentation will be “The Ever-changing World of Biological Defense.” During this presentation, Dr. Korch will touch on what biodefense is, why we should be concerned, what the U.S. government is doing about it and how has it changed over the past 60 years.

INFO and RSVP: Sid Bravmann 410-952-6352.

Save the date for our Passover Seder presented by Brotherhood, Sunday, March 29, 1 PM. The meal is catered by Zeffert and Gold, and the service and singing will be led by Cantor Ellerin and Cantorial Intern Becky Mann. Eat, drink, pray, ask questions (at least four), and sing along. The Brotherhood Seder is open to all, and the $25 cost includes the traditional Seder plate and a filling meal. Registration is required. RSVP: Sid Bavmann, sidbrav@me.com

INFO & VOLUNTEER: Perry Cocke, 443-418-7908.

We are looking for volunteers to help organize the Seder.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

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SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, March 18, 3 PM, WBHC will host a presentation by David S. Golaner, former Centennial Campaign Director at The Associated, entitled “Old is Better.”

FIND OUT MORE!

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

60TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH INSTITUTE

It’s not too early to mark your calendar for the 60th Annual Interfaith Institute on Monday, March 16, 9:30 AM - 2 PM. The topic for this year’s discussion is “Understanding Contemporary Antisemitism.” See page 3 for more information.

FIND OUT MORE.

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OFFERINGS

IN MEMORIAM
We record with sorrow the passing of

Joan Askin
Sylvia Beser
Susan Burken
Eleanor Calvert
Howard Falk
Helene Feit
Marian Rips
Jacob Rosenberg
Ronnie Sax
Jeane Sweren

May their memories be a blessing.

PERPETUAL MEMORIALS

February 7-8
Anna P. Baer
William Bornfriend
Lillian Jacobs
Braverman
Delma Block
Brotman
Barbara Kleiman
Brown
Fannie Butler
Albert H. Buxbaum
Zelda Carmel
Anne D. Chapin
Abe Cohen
Hennye Cohen
Louis C. Cohen
Sarah Hornstein
Cohen
Nancy Dell
Caroline Diener
Samuel Dreyfuss
Jerome Engel
Nathan Fellheimer
Stanley Felser
Abraham J. Fink
Eugene Jerome
Fink
James Frenkil, M.D.
Hannah S. Fried
Marion Friedlander
Phillip A.S. Galler
Louis A. Gann
William I. Gans
Rose Minnie Garfink
Dr. Jerome Gavis
Elaine S. Getz
Joseph R. Ginsberg
Irene M. Goldberg
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Pauline Goodman
Sidney Gordon

Ida Statter
George Stern
Edith Selis Suls
Erika R. Sundheim
Leonard Sussman
Margaret W.
Thomas
Fanny Waghelstein
Helen H. Werthein
Joseph Winaker
Rosalie Zinn

February 14-15
Bertha V. Aaron
Bernard B. Adler
Leon Philip Bass
Cecelle F. Bernath
Margaret K.
Bennett
Miriam Blankman
Paul Block
Etta Gaffen Bonfeld
Audrey Krackow
Bord
Samuel L. Braverman
Leona Frank
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Rose Brinker
Helen S. Brown
Leroy J. Brown
Anna Butler
Charles M. Cahn, Jr.
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Yetta Cohen
Maxwell L. Coplan
Sallie W. Cusner
Hilda DeBuskey
Stephen I. Donnelly
Irv Ehudin
Leon Feit
Benno Feldmann
Lois Cohen
Feldstein
James Fitzer
Jonas Schloss Frank
Minnie Frank
Jacob Gichner
George Goff
Betty Burke
Goldberger
Bee Goldstein
Ben Goodman
Harry J. Goodwin
Lillian Gutman
Matilda Harman
Robert Harrow
Philip Helstein
Miriam S. Herstein
Alfred R.
Himmelrich, Jr.
Mildred G.
Hoffberger
Esther Hornstein
Irvin Hyman

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Gertrude Coplan
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Mary Ellen Levine
Irving Isaac Lewine
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Goldy R. Sandy
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Philip Schwartzman
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Bruce David
Shackman
Claire Shapiro
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Joseph Baruch
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Frank Stern, Jr.
Lillie Straus
Jason Derek
Strieker
Alfred Victor Taylor
Beatrice Unger
Joseph David
Weiner
Albert Winkler, Jr.
Harry Winn

Philip Wolf
Samuel Young

February 21-22
Robert L. Bacharach
Jo Anne Finifter
Beplat
Mr. Sidney Berney
Susan Dorothy
Block
Edward Brooks
Dr. Don Neil
Brotman
Morris Burke
Michael Carliner
Ellis Chomet
Naomi Biron Cohen
Yetta R. Cohen
Adolph David Cohn
Abraham Collector
Doris Sycle Davison
Martin Davison
Jennie Weisberg
Dickler
Abraham Distiller
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Samuel L. Fisher
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Robert B. Fradkin
Lillian Frank
Loire Shakman
Frank
Benjamin Freeland
Miriam Friedberger
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Bernard M. Gann
Jacob Glassman
Simon Goldiner
Ethel Bank
Goldstein
Adolph C. Hahn
Helen B. Hamburger
Jacob Hamburger
Peggy Heckler
Joe Hellman
Benjamin Hendin
Jeanne G. Hightstein
Anna Lustgarten-
Pincu Horn
Jack Horowitz
Leonard Abraham
Jonas, Ph.D.
Rose Samuelson
Kahn
Sadie K. Kahn
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Katzenberg, Jr.
Ben Kaufman
Diane S. Kaufman
Harold J. Kaufman
Rose Landay Kloze
Leslie Legum
Ruth Whitehill Leidy
Casey Dylan
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Marjorie Levinson
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Betty Marks
Manuel Matthews
Samuel Meyers
Esther Miller
Dora Morganstein
David L. Morrison
Theresa B.
Myerberg
James Howard
Nathanson
Leon Needle
Philip I. Needle
Shirley A. Needle
Henrietta New
Carolyn Newman
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Bernice Hollins
Packer
Julius J. Prissman
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Sigmund Rosenblatt
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Wurtzburger
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February 28-29
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Herbert Louis Arzt
Mona Mary Arzt
Samuel Berliner
Alan Bernstein
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Samuel Buckman
Harry Sallie Cohen
Jennie Cohen
Walter Cohen
Helen E. Cole
Joseph L. Collector
Leah Collector
Margery Singer
Dannenberg
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Helmman
Rena Hollander
Anna Siegel
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Louis Horowitz
Esther Jacobs
Harold M. Jacobs
Benjamin Kahn
Helene R. Kahn
Rose Kessler
Philip Klompus
Harry C. Klotzsch
Celia Koch
Bernice S. Kramer
Herman Lenet
Franziska Levi
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Schtenthal
Nathan Schloss
Rose P.
Schwartzman
Minna “Mickey”
Tossman
Anna Weinblatt
Toby A. Weinblatt
Albert Weisberg
Julius Weisberg
Hilda G. Weiss
Hattie Wertheimer
Milton Wise

B'ni Mitzvah
February 8
Elise Cagan, daughter of Michelle Cagan & Benjamin Cagan
February 22
Lila & Benjamin Barish, children of Ashley & Seth Barish, grandchildren of Karen & Lawrence Halpert
February 29
Haley Lederman, daughter of Ayme & Andrew Lederman, granddaughter of Phyllis G. & Richard M. Lederman

Engagement
Jackie Perlmer, daughter of Rabbi Rachel Hertzman & Rex D. Perlmer, to Mark Eisele

Marriage
Rebecca Fedder, daughter of Jean Fedder, sister of Sarah Fedder, to Daniel Tush

Births
Eleanor Rose Essman, daughter of Gwen & Andrew Essman, granddaughter of Susan Feigelman & Cliff Essman
Leo Aron Wolfson, son of Dena Smith & Michael Wolfson

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For the speedy recovery of Elayne Berg, by Louise & Roger Bennett
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The special birthday of Joan Abramson, by Lois & Leonard Greenebaum
BHC Clergy for the beautiful Rosh Hashanah service, by Vivian Garfein
The special birthday of Ralph Brunn, by Liora Brunn & Family
Paula & Stuart Cohen on the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Cohen, to Caitlin Bettisworth, by Kol Rinnah
The 40th wedding anniversary of Sharon & Donald Edlow, by Phyllis & Richard Lederman

The privilege of an Aliyah on my birthday, by Sanford Minkin
Rabbis Rachel Hertzman & Rex D. Perlmer on the engagement of their daughter, Jackie Perlmer, to Mark Eisele, by Becky & Larry Gtin
The 41st wedding anniversary of Rabbi/ Cantor Judi & Michael Rowland, by Joy, Bruce, Adam & Rachel Katzenberg
The privilege of an Aliyah on my birthday, by Shirley Simon
The 25th wedding anniversary of Rebecca Roberts & Sidney Spunt, by Anne Ferber

In memory of
Marvin Blumberg, by Sonia Blumberg
Anna Bornstein, by Joy, Bruce, Adam & Rachel Katzenberg
Albert Branoff, by Wendy Branoff
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Ann W. Carton, by Shirley Simon
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Samuel Charles Cohn, by Harriet & Jeffrey Legum
Ries Daniel, by Marcia Daniel
Irma Klafl Davison, by A. Robert Davison
Albert I. Diener, by Harriet & I. Howard Diener
Emily Ehrenreich, by Tina & Arnold Ehrenreich
Howard Engel, by Sonia Blumberg & Family

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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 printed in the Temple Bulletin and Shabbat Supplement; 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.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Videostreaming for Shabbat and High Holy Day services is available by visiting venue.streamspot.com/de50dfb8. Registration is not necessary.

Saturday, February 1
9 AM Torah Talk
10 AM Shabbat Shelanu
5 PM Youth Group
6 PM BHC Justice Havdalah

Sunday, February 2
9 AM No Youth Education
9 AM Teacher Professional Development
9 AM PEP
9:15 AM Adult Beginner Hebrew Class
10:30 AM Adult B’not Mitzvah
11:15 AM Understanding Prayerbook Hebrew

Monday, February 3
6:30 PM Security Committee
7 PM Kol Rinnah
7:30 PM BHC Board of Electors Meeting

Tuesday, February 4
6:30 PM Processed Food Anonymous
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30 PM Al Anon
7:30 PM Grey Sheet Anonymous
7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, February 7
6 PM Kol Echad at Beth El
6:15 PM Shabbat Service
6:30 PM PJ Shabbat

Saturday, February 8
9 AM Torah Talk
10 AM Shabbat Shelanu
10:30 AM Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah
5 PM NextGen Social Gathering (8th-12th grades)

Sunday, February 9
9 AM Youth Education
9 AM Parent Torah and Schmooze
9:15 AM Adult Beginner Hebrew Class
9:30 AM Brotherhood Breakfast
9:30 AM Nancy Kislin Lockdown Drill
10 AM Teens Talk
10:30 AM Adult B’not Mitzvah
11:15 AM Understanding Prayerbook Hebrew
12:30 PM Nancy Kislin Author Presentation

Monday, February 10
10:30 AM E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center Tu B’Shevat
6 PM Rosh Hodesh/Shevet
7 PM Budget Meeting

Tuesday, February 11
6:30 PM Processed Food Anonymous
6:30 PM Adult Autism Resource Group
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30 PM Al Anon
7:30 PM Grey Sheet Anonymous
7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous

Friday, February 14
6:15 PM Family Shabbat,
Oneg Shabbat and Family Shabbat Dinner following,
RSVP required for dinner

Saturday, February 15
9 AM Torah Talk

7:30 AM Shabbat Shelanu
7:30 PM Grey Sheet Anonymous
7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, February 16 • Building Closed
Monday, February 17 • Building Closed

Tuesday, February 18
6:30 PM Processed Food Anonymous
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, February 22
9 AM Torah Talk
10 AM Shabbat Shelanu

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LOCKDOWN: TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SCHOOL VIOLENCE
Sunday, February 9, 9:30-11 AM and 12:30-2 PM
Author, Nancy Kislin, LCSW will share insightful guidance to parents, grandparents and teachers. See details on page 8.

INTERFAITH INSTITUTE
Monday March 16, 9:30 AM
The Women of BHC present the 60th Annual Interfaith Institute.
The topic will be: Understanding Contemporary Antisemitism.
See details on page 3

PURIM CELEBRATIONS
Saturday, March 7
80’s Adult Purim Party, 7 PM
Sunday, March 8
Purim Megillah 10:30 AM
Purim Carnival, 11:30 AM
See details on page 4
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