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Join educators & scholars from around the world for our new weekly series, starting Thursday, January 7.
First interactive via Zoom at 1:30 PM; Recorded encore at 7:30 PM
The losses of this time are immeasurable, and we will reckon with them for a long time to come. But there have also been blessings. Call them silver linings or unexpected benefits of a situation no one would choose, but from the earliest days of the pandemic, I’ve noticed how people embrace these blessings and share them with each other. We have needed to see the hope, the positive and the potential for goodness in a time that has felt more unsettling than most of us have experienced before.

One of those blessings is the opportunity to enrich our minds and spirits by learning in the comfort of our living rooms, kitchens and home offices. Since March, we have been “Filling Your Cup” from many different sources. We have interviewed interesting members and community leaders. The Women of BHC have recruited all sorts of teachers from within and outside for their Wednesday sessions. Our not-so-new-anymore Engagement Director, Jillian Manko, has shared her take on Judaism, and we have learned from our also-not-so-new Director of Education, Rachel Opatowsky. Of course, we clergy have offered our thoughts and teaching as well.

As the new year begins, we roll out the next level of learning coming directly to you wherever you are. This time, the blessing of the pandemic is that we have been able to engage amazing people from literally all around the world. On Thursdays for the entire year of 2021, we will have the chance to learn with teachers in Brazil, Israel, Germany, Canada or that far-off land, New Jersey (to name just a few). The teachers are Cantors, Rabbis, scholars, tour guides, authors, and more. In normal times, we would not have access to many of these teachers because of distance, time, or expense. We are grateful to the Hoffberger Foundation for their grant support of the program.

These amazing sessions will be held on Zoom at 1:30 pm every Thursday beginning on January 7. We know that many of us are still working our normal hours even from home or working even MORE hours in this difficult time. To make this incredible learning available to working folks as well, there will be a repeat showing of each Zoom each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. Look for the links in our weekly BHC emails and plan to be inspired by Wisdom from Around the World!

U’shalom,
– Rabbi Sachs-Kohen

BHC IS COLLECTING...
- Frozen casseroles and holiday dinner turkeys for Our Daily Bread. Our next schedule event is January 11 from 11–11:30 am drop off of frozen casseroles to BHCs parking lot. Casseroles will be delivered immediately following.
- Non-perishable Food for GEDCO Cares Food Pantry. Please note GEDCO Cares Food Pantry requests: spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned veggies, canned tuna, and canned salmon. Till further notice, non-perishable donations may be placed by the Hoffberger Chapel door.
- Currently, CHANA is not collecting donations. Please store gently used clothing until further notice.

CREDIT CARD USAGE
Effective NOW, credit cards will be accepted as payment for all BHC dues, fees and tuition for the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center. You will no longer have the option to “opt out” of paying the service fee. This fee will be applied to your credit card.

NEED ASSISTANCE?
BHC’s clergy, staff and volunteers want to be able to support you if you face specific challenges during this Health Emergency. If you are officially quarantined or diagnosed as infected, please notify Jo Ann Windman, jwindman@baltimorehebrew.org. Jo Ann will make sure the appropriate person responds, even as BHC will hold your information confidential.
As we mark the calendar New Year and we look forward to a brighter 2021, let’s reflect on those things that were positive for us in this past year.

Though very few of us had heard of Zoom prior to March, it certainly has made a very difficult year more productive. I must begin by saying that without the remarkable flexibility of our clergy and staff our congregational year would have been diminished greatly. I feel greatly appreciative of the energy and love that was demonstrated by Rabbis Busch and Sachs-Kohen, Cantors Ellerin and Sacks, Jo Ann Windman and all of her staff, our educators, Rachel Opatowsky and Jen Platt and all who have supported them this past year. In reflecting on the pivot that was necessary in very short order our services and educational programs became a Zoom event, and though we had to postpone Night of the Stars, we were able to offer a tribute to our previous chairpersons.

We handed out High Holy Day prayer books for a more meaningful holiday worship and sounded the Shofar outside several times. We even had several events in the Sukkah. We have made clothing donations to those who are less fortunate than most of us, as well as, continuing to support Our Daily Bread and GEDCO. In the later part of 2020, we have begun small in-person B’nai Mitzvah services for immediate family members, while abiding by the protocols that our Re-Entry Task Force instituted. Remembering that a portion of our property is in Baltimore City and a portion in Baltimore County, this group has consulted with health, city, county and state officials to ensure that whenever we have even the smallest group gathering (under 20) in the building that our Covid regulations have been followed. A thanks goes to Theron Russell and Marc Plisko, the chairs of this task force and to all of its members.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the year has been the willingness of all of our congregants to stay connected. We have made phone calls, emails and text messages to those who are alone and in need of a kind word or a helping (virtual) hand. Though we all would prefer to be in our Sanctuary or Chapel, we have attended Shabbat services in large numbers and let our clergy know, that even a virtual service is appreciated and enjoyed. Thanks to all of you for staying connected and for your generosity this past year.

This is who we are, through good times and difficult times, for 190 years, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation has stood together, and we look forward to a brighter, safer and healthier 2021!

John I. Elias
BHC President

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BHC President
UPCOMING AT BHC

TORAH TALK: via Zoom
Saturdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 9 AM
Each Saturday, we gather for a discussion of the weekly Torah portion. Our conversation takes place on Zoom and is led by Rabbis Busch and Sachs-Kohen, with occasional guest teachers. No prior experience, Hebrew, or preparation is required. Just join us with an open mind and a willingness to explore Torah and its connections to our lives.
Zoom Link: Provided in our weekly emails.

Winter Nights on Park Heights: via Zoom
Weekly Starting Tuesday, January 5 at 7 PM
Twice a year, BHC presents a current events discussion series, in January and also in July. Either staff or BHC members lead our discussions aimed at learning more, not at winning any argument. Unfortunately, you must supply your own refreshments this year, but our topics will be presented by the following leaders:
- January 5, Rabbi Busch, “Israeli Elections, Again?”
- January 12, ML & Steven Doff, “Education During COVID”
- January 19, Sandy and Marc Appel, “Who Will We Be Once the Pandemic Ends?”
Join us to deepen our understandings together.

Gratitude Meditation with Liora Brunn
Wednesday, January 6, 7 PM
Join us with our member Liora Brunn of Zoetic Wellness. You may remember Liora from our Yom Kippur afternoon meditation sessions, we are grateful to have her back during these long, cold months. Email jmanko@baltimorehebrew.org for more information.

BHC JUSTICE FILM SCREENING
Sunday, January 17, 10 AM-12:30 PM
BHC’s observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday will feature a screening of the documentary “Baltimore’s Strange Fruit” followed by a talk-back with the filmmaker, Eric Jackson. The film and discussion will be broadcast via Zoom, and a link will be provided before the event.
“Baltimore’s Strange Fruit: A Story of Food Apartheid and the Struggle for Sovereignty” is a documentary film produced by Black Yield Institute, directed by Eric Jackson and Maddie Hardy. The film explores the intersections of food, land, and race and class politics through personal narrative and social commentary. The film journeys through the historical woes and triumphs of people of African descent within the food system, while highlighting contemporary efforts to address the complex nature of food apartheid in Baltimore.
Sponsored by: BHC Justice, Repair the World, Beth Am Synagogue, Chizuk Amuno Social Justice Advocacy Committee, Baltimore Jewish Cultural Havurah, Hinenu The Baltimore Justice Shtiebl, and Jews United for Justice. Email jmanko@baltimorehebrew.org for more information.

All details for the above events will be shared in Monday and Thursday (Briefly) emails as well as on our website. (https://www.baltimorehebrew.org/about/virtual-schedule/).

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NEW COURSES FOR 2021

PEP: PURSUING EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES: via Zoom Sunday mornings, January 24 and 31, February 7 and 21, and March 7 and 14. PEP is a chance for adults to study together on select Sunday mornings in a casual and friendly Zoom setting.

9:30–10:30 AM: Prophets and Prophecy in Ancient Israel: taught by Susanna Garfein PhD.

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An Evening Affirming Life and Tu B’shvat

Wednesday, January 27, 7 PM

Tu B’shvat is the Jewish New Year of the Trees and celebration of Creation. Rabbi Busch and Cantor Ellerin will guide a Zoom exploration of Jewish thoughts about Trees, Life, and Creation. To participate, please register at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EABA82CAAFA58-anevening. For those who register, we will provide in advance a short list of types of fruits to purchase, in order to fully participate in our Seder. In the midst of winter, Judaism teaches us to optimistically celebrate growing things. If you have question, please be in touch with Rabbi Busch, abusch@baltimorehebrew.org.

Union Reform Congregational Shabbat Focuses on Education

For several years now, the Baltimore Reform synagogues have joined together for an annual Union for Reform Judaism Shabbat. This year, our Union Shabbat will focus on Education and expand to include congregations a bit further from Baltimore. Join us on Friday January 29 at 6:15 PM for a service including Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Bolton Street Synagogue, Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation, Temple Adas Shalom (Havre De Grace), Temple Beth Shalom (Arnold), Temple Isaiah (Fulton), and Bet Aviv (Columbia). The service will include clergy from the various congregations. Rabbi Laura Novak Winer Ph.D. of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Hirsch School of Education will address “Looking Across the Sea: New Understandings, Questions, and Opportunities in Jewish Education Post-COVID.” This service will be held on BHC’s streaming platform StreamSpot & FaceBook Live.

Book Discussion with BHC Immigration Task Force

Monday, February 8, 7 PM, via Zoom

Join in an open discussion about the book “Go, Went, Gone.” Go, Went, Gone is the masterful new novel by the acclaimed German writer Jenny Erpenbeck, “one of the most significant German-language novelists of her generation” (The Millions). The novel tells the tale of Richard, a retired classics professor who lives in Berlin. His wife has died, and he lives a routine existence until one day he spies some African refugees staging a hunger strike in Alexanderplatz. For more details or information contact, Jillian Manko, jmanko@baltimorehebrew.org.

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Look for updates on future teachers and discussions on our website: baltimorehebrew.org/wisdom and our Monday and Briefly email.

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**Year Long Series Starting January 7 at 1:30 PM**

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**Thursdays at 1:30 PM (Encore at 7:30 PM)**

**January 7**  
**Rabbi Edgar Nof**  
*Netanya, Israel*  
**“The Prominence of Elijah in Judaism”**

A native of Argentina who made Aliyah in 1981, Edgar Nof received his ordination at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and holds a doctorate in Jewish Studies. He is a passionate spokesperson for progressive Jewish values and works on behalf of new immigrants, disadvantaged youth and interfaith dialogue.

**January 14**  
**Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz**  
*Scottsdale, Arizona*  
**“Class Name”**

Rav Shmuly received a Masters from Harvard University and his Doctorate from Columbia University. He serves as the President & Dean of Valley Beit Midrash, the Founder & President of Uri Tzedeck (the Orthodox Social Justice movement), the Founder and CEO of Shamayim, and the Founder and President of YATOM, (Jewish foster and adoption network). Rabbi Yanklowitz has twice been named one of America’s Top Rabbis by “Newsweek” and has been named by “The Forward” as one of the 50 most influential Jews and one of the most inspiring Rabbis in America.

**January 21**  
**Michael Palmer**  
*Monsey, New York*  
**“Eric Mendelsohn: Synagogue Architect with a Vision”**

Michael Palmer is a photographer whose work has explored the architectural legacy and relevance of the German Jewish exodus from Germany in the 1920s and 1930s. His first photo book documents previously ignored aspects of 1930s buildings in Tel Aviv’s historic “White City” district, a center for German and other central European refugees in the 1930s. Palmer’s most recent work focuses on the buildings of the noted German Jewish architect Eric Mendelsohn, including Mendelsohn’s breakthrough Einstein Tower near Berlin, synagogues in Saint Louis, Cleveland, Saint Paul and Grand Rapids, as well as his buildings in Israel.

**January 28**  
**Muki Jankelowitz**  
*Modi’in, Israel*  
**“Graffiti in Southern Tel Aviv: An Insight into Israeli Society”**

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa where he was very involved in the local Jewish community, Muki made Aliyah in 1987 served in the Israeli army as a combat medic. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology from Wits and a Master’s Degree in Biblical Archaeology from UNISA. Muki has been a Tour Guide for one of our BHC trips.

**February 4**  
**Amy-Jill Levine Ph.D**  
*Nashville, Tennessee*  
**TBD**

Amy-Jill Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies, and Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Graduate Department of Religion, and Department of Jewish Studies; she is also affiliated professor at the Woolf Institute, Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge UK. In Spring 2019 she was the first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome’s Pontifical Biblical Institute. She is also an author of many books for both adults and children.
YOUTH EDUCATION

We are excited to welcome back our online offering of BHC B’Baiit for the spring semester. BHC B’Baiit will be presented via Zoom on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 AM; students will be offered Judaic, Hebrew and elective courses. Alternatively, we are offering family education boxes that are sent home monthly. These boxes have a variety of materials and activities for you to participate in as a family. We are also offering private Hebrew tutoring for students to learn to decode and become familiar with the prayer service.

This month marks the holiday of Tu B’Shvat, the birthday of the trees. Baltimore Hebrew Congregation will be celebrating in a variety of ways, and Youth Education will be sending home a special holiday surprise in the mail to all our families with young children. If you do not receive your package by January 27, please contact me, ropatowsky@baltimorehebrew.org. We look forward to “growing” with you.

Rachel Opatowsky, RJE
Director of Education

CHAI LIFE

Join Chai Life for our First Friday Shabbat at 7pm, this month on January 1, to celebrate 2021 together! Email Jillian, jmanko@baltimorehebrew.org for more information.

Jillian Manko
Director of Engagement

THE CROWD

Thank you so much to all of you who were able to join our Mixed Drinks and Chanukah Trivia Night. Mazel Tov to Jon and Kate Bookstein for winning trivia and an Amazon gift card! Keep an eye on your email for information on what we do next. Email jmanko@baltimorehebrew.org if you have any requests for activities.

BHC CARES

JEWSH DISABILITY ADVOCACY MONTH
February 2021 weekly Zoom learning from The Jewish Federations of North America.

Join us in helping advance policy that empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum independence. Themes are: Empowerment, Breaking Barriers, Creating Opportunities and Disability rights are Civil rights. See the BHC website for how to join these weekly Zoom opportunities. Link to learn more or register: https://www.jewishtogether.org/jdam.

HOLIDAY CARDS

BHC Cares has been busy in December! Our thanks to the wonderful NextGen students under the guidance of BHC’s Alicia Gallant, who made attractive and thoughtful holiday cards for congregants in assisted living and nursing homes. Meal Makers continues, thanks to volunteers Jean Fedder, & Sharon Edlow. We are grateful to Classic Catering for helping provide the meals. If you are in need of meals, please let us know.

For more information about any of the above events, or to join BHC Cares, contact chair Carol J. Caplan, caroljc@comcast.net or 410-764-1587 ext, 270.
The children at the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood are celebrating Chanukah.

E.B. HIRSH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

SINGING FOR GOOD HEALTH & FREE MUSICAL SKILLS CLASSES

Join Kol Rinnah: No previous experience required.

Like all forms of art, we know that singing can create beauty, but did you know that it has also been linked with a number of health benefits? Here are a few incredible byproducts of singing:

1. Singing releases endorphins and oxytocin into your body.
2. Several studies have concluded that singing improves cognition and exercises memory.
3. A joint Yale and Harvard study showed that singing may lead to a longer life.
4. Several case studies have revealed that singing lowers blood pressure.
5. Singing helps us feel connected with one another and build a sense of community.

Now you have more reasons than ever to join us in Kol Rinnah, BHC's congregational choir, as we relaunch our rehearsals in a virtual format. In addition, we will begin offering a musical skills component during our time together. Whether you have never made music before or you have been making music your entire life, learning music theory will help you draw more enjoyment from the music you create as well as music that you hear.

Rehearsals will begin in January on every other Monday evening from 6:30-7:30 PM. The first half hour of our rehearsal will be divided into two levels of music theory (Music Theory 101 and Intermediate), and in the second half hour we will work on vocalizing, building healthy singing technique, and rehearsing music to eventually be performed as part of Shabbat and holiday worship. If you are interested in joining us or just being on our email list to learn about rehearsals, don’t hesitate to reach out to Cantor Ellerin, bellerin@baltimorehebrew.org.

BHC SEEKING A GRAND PIANO FOR OUR SANCTUARY

BHC is seeking a high-quality grand piano to become our main instrument in the sanctuary. Do you have a beautiful family piano that you would love to see cared for and used regularly? Grand pianos made by any of the following manufacturers will be considered: Steinway & Sons, Bösendorfer, Blüthner, Bechstein and Fazioli. Unfortunately we can only accept one instrument at this time, and we appreciate your understanding in this process. Please reach out to Cantor Ellerin, bellerin@baltimorehebrew.org if you have a grand piano made by one of the above manufacturers that you would like us to consider.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

Jen Platt
Director

From top left to right.
Dax is enjoying the taste of his latke and apple sauce.
Zoey is painting her special dreidel.
Nick and Ari are looking at the colorful menorah in their classroom.
Jake is modeling his festive menorah hat.
Lincoln and Emmy are decorating the dreidel suncatchers.
The newest member of the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center Family is Randy, our adopted ring-tailed Lemur. With a portion of tzedakah collected each Shabbat we adopted a lemur from the Duke Lemur Center at Duke University.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

Jen Platt
Director
“I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. And as my parents planted for me before I was born so do I plant for those who will come after me.” – Talmud Ta’anit 23a

As we celebrate Tu B’Shevat this month, our New Year for trees, we think about renewing the earth. It is also a wonderful time to act on supporting our congregation for our children and those that will come after us.

BHC has flourished and endured, in part, because individuals throughout its long history have made the commitment to us and our children through gifts to the congregation. As the beneficiaries of their lasting devotion, it is now our turn to secure the future for generations to come.

Today, with over 1,100 member families, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation is a warm, vibrant and welcoming congregational family, rich in Reform Jewish history and a tradition of innovation. With caring, dynamic clergy and educators, BHC combines the comfort of tradition with the amenities required to meet the expectations of a thriving and ever-evolving congregation in the 21st century.

It’s easy to leave a Legacy through your will or other planned gift. For information, or to let us know if BHC is mentioned in your will, please contact me, 410-764-1587, ext. 236 or email asaxon@baltimorehebrew.org.

Annette G. Saxon
Director of Development

Aging, retirement and now the pandemic are all compelling reasons for me to take a good long look at how I spend my time, energy and resources — in other words, what is truly important. My guiding passion is doing what I can to contribute to the well-being of my community, beyond my personal community of family and friends: my beloved quirky, challenged city of Baltimore; our struggling nation, and the larger worldwide human community. At Baltimore Hebrew, clergy and congregants not only talk about, but practice, the concept of Tikkun Olam, continually trying to heal our communities through volunteer action, study, partnerships, protests, casseroles, and more.

With my legacy, I can continue to support Baltimore Hebrew, confident that BHC will carry on its dedication to healing the world with enthusiasm and creativity, while also inspiring more congregants to join in. I plan to stay active for as long as I can, but there is comfort in knowing my purpose will outlive me through the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

- Susan Sachs Fleishman

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Join fellow congregants with a Legacy gift to ensure the future of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation!

Annette Saxon, Director of Development
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HAPPENINGS WITH WOMEN OF BHC (WBHC)

The officers and board of Women of BHC are hard at work planning and implementing several opportunities for participation. I hope you will join us in our activities and programs:

- **“Fill your Cup”** Zoom programs are held every **Wednesday at 1:30 PM through June 2021**. See the list for January on page 15 in this bulletin. Here is the link to use each week: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84767455108?pwd=clpHTFpTNTBQRnU4YkVDmzZYVVluc09

- **Non-Event Donor Invitations** will be sent to you requesting your additional support for the programs and activities of Women of BHC. The congregation, Reform Judaism and community projects will all benefit from your generous contribution.

- **A survey of your interests** will be sent to every woman in the congregation. WBHC wants to know your opinion in order to evaluate our effectiveness. When the survey comes, please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

- **Federation of Jewish Women’s Organizations of Maryland Mid-Winter Conference**, Thursday, January 21 at 9:30 AM, “After the Inauguration: What Next” presented by Barry Rascovar, political commentator. RSVP to the zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrf-2vqjMqG9sUnWOr2-8-5SV1tS5gNanXnS

- **Women of Reform Judaism Fried Women’s Conference 2021** from March 12–14 on Zoom. Check the WRJ website: wrj.org or contact Helene Waranch at hhwaranch@gmail.com for more information.

- **60th Interfaith Institute** is scheduled for **Monday, March 22 from 9:30 AM–12:30 PM** on Zoom. Dr. Michael Marmur, Associate Professor of Jewish Theology of HUC-JIR in Jerusalem will be the keynote speaker on the topic: “Lens or Blindfold: Religious Faith and the Challenges of Our Time.” Save the date. More information will follow.

- **Women’s Shabbat** will occur on **Saturday, May 1 at 10:30 AM** as part of BHC’s Shabbat Service with Sara Charney, WRJ president, giving the D’var Torah, and some of our members will participate in the service.

WBHC looks forward to receiving a response from our 9-question survey and your donor support. We also hope to see you on Zoom for many of our upcoming programs.

Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy 2021.

**Helene H. Waranch, President**

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**BROTHERHOOD NEWS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Welcome to January – Historically, the coldest month in the Northern hemisphere. January is the birth month of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Edgar Allen Poe. It is also when we celebrate Tu B’Shvat, or in Israel, Arbor Day. Not only does Tu B’Shvat celebrate ecological awareness and trees, it symbolizes renewal.

For the Brotherhood, January is a time for reflection. Every two years the Brotherhood reviews its Constitution and Bylaws to ensure they are current and relevant. Guided by our Parliamentarian, David Beller, this comprehensive process takes several months. If you have suggestions or comments, please contact David, dbeller2@gmail.com.

This theme of taking stock in the world is also reflected in our programs. This month, Alan Katz discusses the BHC Brotherhood’s winter programs.

Hello everyone. The BHC Brotherhood continues its Sunday Speaker Series on **January 10, at 10 AM**, via Zoom (sorry, no breakfast), with Rob Boston, Senior Adviser at Americans United (AU) for Separation of Church and State and Editor of Church & State, AU’s monthly membership magazine. This topic is particularly important at this time. The wall between church/synagogue and state has been eroding due to both executive and judicial decisions. Conservative Christian attitudes toward social issues such as abortion and LGBTQ rights have been making headway and tax money is being channeled more and more toward religious schools and institutions. This is a major issue of the day, and you won’t want to miss this opportunity to hear from an expert on the subject.

You will also want to put February 21 on your schedule to hear Baltimore County Councilman and BHC member Izzy Patoka and other local elected officials talk about their jobs.

- Alan

Thanks Alan. Please see BHC’s Weekly Opportunities email for information on viewing these programs and future Brotherhood events and activities.

Be safe,

**Danny Duhan, Brotherhood President**

bhcbrotherhoodsurvey@gmail.com
### OFFERINGS

**IN MEMORIAM**

We record with sorrow the passing of

- Muriel Barker
- Mimi Bilenki
- Rhona Block
- Phyllis Bloom
- Gloria Brandt
- Emma Cohen
- Betty Fink
- Elaine Friedman
- Melvin Meyer Gallant
- Marjorie Greenebaum
- Lawrence Halpert
- Rabbi Bennett Hermann
- Estelle Kahn
- Alan Kleinman
- Lee Lerner
- Sam Marder
- Marvin Rubin
- Senator Paul Sarbanes

May their memories be a blessing.

### PERPETUAL MEMORIALS

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Special Birthdays

Special Anniversaries
65th Estelle & Martin Waxman
60th Joan & Lowell Abramson
10th Melissa Perham & Shannon Wollman

B’nai Mitzvah
November 21
Remy Jaye Walker, daughter of Sandee Walker & Keith Walker, granddaughter of Bonnie & Howard Heneson
January 9
Ava Yinger, daughter of Stacey Berman, granddaughter of Lynette & Larry Berman
January 23
Avery Lippe, daughter of Wendy & Adam Lippe

January 29-30
Arthur Abraham
Jeanne Bloomberg
Adelman
Judah Paul Bachrach
Etta Baum
Harry Fuld Bear
Benjamin Beck
Mary Beck
Anna Berowitz
Samuel L. Braverman
Ida Burke
Mollie Burke
Esther Carliner
Wanda Lynn Cherry
Charles I. Cohen
Harry Cohen
Lydia Kolker Cohen
Gerald H. Cooper

January 30
Sophie Guzovsky, daughter of Francine Blank, granddaughter of Marsha & Alan Blank

Marriage
Ebony Jackson to Marcus Wilson
Racquel Segall, daughter of Tamara & Stuart Segall, granddaughter of Biala Noel and Phyllis & Martin Segall, to Daniel Cesnalis

Births
Alana Jade Saltzman, daughter of Marci & Jon Saltzman, granddaughter of Ellen & Oren Saltzman, great-granddaughter of Esther Saltzman
Wesley Ethan Showalter, son of Rachel & Steven Showalter, grandson of Darlene & Richard Siegel

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Naomi Becker, by Betsy Rosenthal
Rhona Block, by Helen Streimer & Alan Katz
Dorothy Broad, by Shirley Kaufman
Samuel Broad, Shirley Kaufman
Thomas R. Brown, by Sue Brown
Gustave C. Brunn, by Ralph Brunn
David Butler, by Cecelia & Richard Butler
Frank Caplan, by Ann & Richard A. Fishkin
Irwin Robert Cohen, by Jan Feldman

In honor of
Wendie & Nicholas Beser on the birth of their granddaughter, Sylvie Malvina Murashchik, by Sandra Raskin
BHC Cares, by Sonia Blumberg
The virtual High Holy Days & Friday night Shabbat services, by Babette Bierman
Bonnie & Howard Heneson on their granddaughter, Remy Jaye Walker, becoming a Bat Mitzvah, by Annette Romanoff • Marilyn Savage
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Irma Klaff Davison, by Robert Davison
Joseph Farkas, by Kenneth Farkas
Elaine Friedman, by Marsha Kalisch
Melvin Meyer Gallant, by E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center
Leon Goldstone, by Carole Wilder
Marjorie Greenebaum, by Annette Romanoff
Joyce Hankin, by Murray Hankin
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Alice Jeanne Hoffman, by Rabbi Eric Hoffman
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Lillian Rosegarten Rubin, by Linda Schwartz
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Dora Matz Schabb, by Marie Schwartz
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Joan Steinbach, by Louise Shifflett
Sherry Lynn Tossman, by her brother, Dr. David I. Tossman
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Mina Wilder, by Susan & Melvin Oberfeld

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**Fill Your Cup with BHC Daily Adult Education**

**Monday-Wednesday**
- **1:30 PM** Fill Your Cup with BHC Daily Adult Education:
- **“Exploring Jewish Perspectives”** taught in rotation by BHC clergy.
- **Tuesdays** “Biblical Hebrew” with Cantor Sacks. For those who love to study Biblical text, delve into the grammar of Biblical Hebrew. BHC will purchase the required book for you; we just ask you to register only if you have time for this class. To register or more info, contact Cantor Sacks, asacks@baltimorehebrew.org.
- **Wednesdays** Women of BHC
  - 1/6: “Cooking” by chef Susan Keyser, owner of Omelet Queen.
  - 1/13: “The Evolution of Pantyhose and the Causalization of Modern Society” presented by Dr. Sara Jablon-Roberts, Associate Professor of Fashion Merchandising and Retail at Johnson and Wells University.
  - 1/20: No program: Presidential Inauguration.
  - 1/27: “Women of Reform Judaism at the United Nations” presented by Leslie Brier, WRJ board member and WRJ rep to the UN.

Details to join will be provided in emails and weekly Briefly.
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SERVICES

All January Services will be hosted virtually via StreamSpot or Zoom venue.

VS: via StreamSpot  ZM: via Zoom

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing  VS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2
Vayechei: Genesis 47: 50:26

9 AM • Torah Talk  ZM

10:30 AM • Shabbat Service  VS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing  VS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
Sh’mot: Exodus 1:1 – 6:1

9 AM • Torah Talk  ZM

10:30 AM • Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah Ava Yinger, daughter of Stacey Berman  VS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing  VS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
Va-era: Exodus 6:2-9:35

9 AM • Torah Talk  ZM

10:30 AM • Shabbat Service  VS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing  VS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
Bo: Exodus 10:1- 13:16

9 AM • Torah Talk  ZM

10:30 AM • Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah Avery Lippe, daughter of Wendy & Adam Lippe  VS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29
6:15 PM • Combined Union for Reform Judaism Shabbat Service, No 6 PM Story/Song  VS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
B’shalach: Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

9 AM • Torah Talk  ZM

10:30 AM • Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah Sophie Guzovsky, daughter of Francine Blank  VS

Videostreaming of services is available by visiting venue streamspot.com/de50dfb8