LENS OR BLINDFOLD?

RELIGIOUS FAITH AND THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

9:30 AM – NOON, VIA ZOOM

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Passover at BHC

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March is a month that looks like winter but nurtures the seeds of growth that will soon emerge. As I look at my calendar for the coming month, two items stand out and bring me great joy in anticipation. The first is the annual gathering of Reform rabbis. While our conference this year is virtual (what isn’t?,) and I will deeply miss the hallway and elevator conversations with colleagues I don’t see on a regular basis, I am as excited as ever for the high-level learning that stretches my mind and plants seeds for sermons and teaching. I am always looking for seeds! In particular, I am intrigued by a session called “IF ONLY WE’RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE IT” (from Amanda Gorman’s inaugural poem) with Reverend Angela D. Sims, PhD, President, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School• Dr. Emilie M. Townes, Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School• Rabbi Dr. Rachel S. Mikva, Professor of Jewish Studies, InterReligious Institute at Chicago Theological Seminar.

The second anticipated event on my calendar is a two-day, online seminar presented by The Leadership. Since 1983 when it was created by the Greater Baltimore Committee, The Leadership has been bringing together interesting, engaged leaders in the Baltimore area to forge connections while learning about the particular challenges and opportunities of our remarkable city and region. These leaders come from all arenas – government, nonprofit, business, religion, education and more. The idea is to spin a web of interconnection that benefits not only those who attend, but the institutions, organizations and individuals of our shared community.

Paul Wolman, son of our member Sue Wolman has been encouraging me to participate for many years (thanks, Paul, I heard you). A number of BHC members are alumni, including two in the current, 2020-21 class – Jill Feinberg and Howard Libit. And the Executive Director of The Leadership, David Sachs, is a member of our neighbor congregation across the street, Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom. The Leadership is not a Jewish organization, but I am proud to know that we are represented in the important civic conversation happening there.

In a year that had not been overtaken by a pandemic, the program would be in-person and spanning a number of months. I am hopeful that the small seeds I will get in the online seminar will lead to a full garden of in-person experiences in the future. I hope you will find seeds of learning and opportunities to see them grow this month.

Rabbi Sachs-Kohen

BHC IS COLLECTING...
• Frozen casseroles and holiday dinner turkeys for Our Daily Bread. Our next schedule event is March 15 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 Hoffmaner Chapel door.
• Currently, CHANA is not collecting donations. Please store gently used clothing until further notice.

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 the spring of 2021 is approaching, we can proudly report that the E. B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center has successfully navigated the pause of activities in the spring 2020 and reopened in the fall with the appropriate planning and protocols to keep our children, teachers and staff safe. This was done under the watchful eyes of our Director Jen Platt, her staff and with support from Laurie Duhan and the Advisory Committee.

On February 23 you received an email advising you that BHC is beginning a new collaboration with the Jewish Community Center on July 1, 2021. This will combine the strengths of our curriculum, our teachers and our clergy with the operational support, marketing capabilities and professional development support for BHC’s early childhood staff.

The E. B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center will remain an integral part of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and the decisions for the curriculum and the presentation of our Reform Jewish values and traditions will continue. The JCC has a breadth of experience in operating early childhood centers and as in any education experience there will always be ways to learn from each other. The JCC marketing captures a large audience and one that we hope will bring us new opportunities to engage with young families. Our teachers will be exposed to a nationwide approach to professional development that will allow them to experience some wonderful new ways to grow their skill sets.

During the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, the E. B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center will offer some joint programming with the JCC Owings Mills Early Learning Center to be held at BHC, which will provide an opportunity for some unaffiliated families to see our wonderful congregation and its facilities. One of the prime missions of our school has always been to engage young families and have them recognize the value that being a part of our tent provides.

Any change brings some inherent challenges and of course there are some details to be finalized before we begin. In this case it is the consensus of our clergy, staff and our lay leaders that this is a unique opportunity to collaborate with the JCC that is in our best interest to embrace.

Finally, on the other end of our membership spectrum I want to acknowledge the seven BHC members who have already reached their 100th birthday. A Happy Birthday to Loraine Lobe who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 3 and so joins this exclusive group.

John I. Elias
BHC President

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UPCOMING AT BHC

TORAH TALK: via Zoom
Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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.

NEW COURSES FOR 2021
PEP: PURSUING EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES: via Zoom
Sunday mornings, 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 Ph.D.
Some of the most exceptional literature preserved in the biblical corpus is found among the words of the Prophets. This course will explore this literature as well as examine the phenomenon of Israelite prophecy as recorded in the Hebrew Bible and in light of prophecy elsewhere in the ancient Near East. We will observe the emergence of explicitly written prophetic literature out of practices which had been primarily oral and performative. We will explore the questions of who the prophets were and how they functioned in society. We will explore texts that serve as the foundation to Judaism’s commitment to social justice and social change as well as texts that contribute to the later development of prophecy into forms of apocalyptic eschatology and messianism.
10:45-11:45 AM: Subversive Stories from Torah, Talmud, and Midrash: taught by Rabbi Amy Scheinerman
Our tradition is built on a foundation of marvelous and creative storytelling, but equally on an intellectual foundation of discussion, debate, and disagreement. While many stories are told to promote ideas and defend beliefs, others are told—and not always subtly! —to challenge religious ideas and attack theological claims. All stories are fun, but subversive stories can be especially interesting and intriguing.
To be included in the PEP email list, contact Ruth Spivak, spivakcp@verizon.net.

“BROADWAY VIOLIN“ a Music and Meaning Livestream Concert: via StreamSpot
Sunday, March 14, 4 PM
It explores the history of Broadway songs from the 1920s to the 1980s and highlights how so many Jewish composers shaped our American sound. The concert includes favorite songs by Gershwin, Rodgers, Bernstein, Sondheim, Webber, and many more. It features Tim Schwarz on violin and Daniel Weiser on piano. Made possible with the generous support of the Peggy and Yale Gordon Trust.

Interfaith Institute 2021: Lens or Blindfold? Religious Faith and The Challenges of Our Time : via Zoom
Monday, March 22, 9:30 AM
How do religious people view the world? What kind of vision do we need to face up to our current challenges? We will explore different images in Christian, Jewish, and Muslim tradition and consider how those images might impact our visions and responses today.
Women of BHC presents the annual Interfaith Institute, continuing a six-decade long commitment to faith communities, learning together and developing relationships. This year, our keynote speaker will be Rabbi Michael Marmur, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Jewish Theology at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem. Rabbi Marmur has also served as Provost for HUC-JIR and is a respected and provocative scholar and lecturer. As he often does, Rabbi Marmur will intertwine religious thought and contemporary dilemmas.
The institute will begin with the keynote speaker followed by the panel of experts. Small group sessions will be led by facilitators. During the small groups, clergy will be grouped together. The program will conclude with a question and answer session.
INFO: Call Phyllis Lederman, 410-925-1271, or email carolcjca@comcast.net. To register visit: bit.ly/II2021.

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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Passover Seders & Services 2021-5781

Passover speaks to themes of hope, community, family, and redemption, among others. Last year, many experienced Zoom for the first time, as we celebrated Passover towards the beginning of the pandemic. For Passover 2021-5781, the BHC community will celebrate as most of us are generally Zoom literate; as some of us will have been vaccinated, but as COVID-19 still interferes with a normal holiday celebration. Across the seven days of Passover, BHC offers the following opportunities to celebrate our Festival of Freedom, including two seders via Zoom.

**Saturday March 27, 6:30 pm, via Zoom***
*First Seder:* Focused Towards Families and Kids, led by Rabbi Sachs-Kohen.

**Sunday March 28, 10:30 am, via StreamSpot***
*Passover First Day Service:* including focus on the Hallel Psalms, led by Rabbi Busch and Cantorial Intern Becky Mann.

**Sunday March 28, 6:30 pm, via Zoom***
*Second Seder:* “Passover, Parsley, and Poetry for All Ages”, led by Rabbi Busch.

**Saturday April 3, 10:30 am, via StreamSpot***
*Seventh Day Passover-Shabbat Service:* including Yizkor and a Celebration of the Music of Louis Lewandowski’s on his 200th Birthday, led by Rabbi Sachs-Kohen and Cantor Ellerin. Louis Lewandowski was the Musical Director of Berlin’s Neue Synagogue and composer of many familiar synagogue melodies, including the German Kedusha BHC uses on Yom Kippur.

Plus a special Passover musical resource from BHC’s cantors. As Passover approaches, keep your eyes open to receive a combination of videos, playlists, and musical links to help your own Seder and to enliven your Passover celebration.

* Zoom and StreamSpot details will be provided on Weekly Opportunities & Briefly BHC emails.

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

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Year Long Series, Thursdays at 1:30 PM

Wisdom Around the World - Directly into Your Living Room
There are so many teachers scattered throughout the world from whom we might learn wisdom, inspiration and Torah. In our new virtual existence, these teachers are as close as our screens. For the next year, BHC will bring thinkers from the corners of the globe to teach us about life, Judaism, and the world.

To make this wisdom accessible for working folks as well, we will rebroadcast the program at 7:30 pm each Thursday.

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

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

March 4
Rebecca Sykes
Jerusalem
“The Vaad: An Hour of Ongoing Spiritual Practice With Everyday Applications”
Anytime Rebecca strayed from blazing a path as an artist living a Jewish life, a few weeks at camp set things back on fire. Jewish summer camp feels like home...the kind of home where you build creativity and connection while eating tater tots. Her love of experiential education led to projects with the Foundation for Jewish Camp, the iCenter, Brandeis University, University of Chicago, and the Jewish Education Project. Rebecca explores middot (soul traits): learning how the development of the soul affects the development of daily life. She offers dynamic workshops rooted in yoga, theater, and text-study that build experience in value-based learning. She lives in Jerusalem where she teaches yoga, works as an actress, and knows where the best hummus is. Come visit.

March 11
Rabbi Anthony Fratello
Boynton Beach, FL
“Jewish Medical Ethics”
Rabbi Anthony Fratello is a 1994 graduate of Pomona College and was ordained at the Cincinnati Campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in 1999. Since 2000, he has been the Rabbi of Temple Shaarei Shalom, a 560-family congregation in Boynton Beach, FL. He has served as a board and executive board member of numerous community agencies and is a highly sought and well-regarded speaker, teacher, and lecturer.

March 18
Dr. Karla Goldman
Ann Arbor, MI
Dr. Karla Goldman's research focuses on the history of the American Jewish experience with special attention to the history of American Jewish communities and the evolving roles and contributions of American Jewish women. She directs the University of Michigan Jewish Communal Leadership Program.

March 25
Ronen Altman Kaydar
Germany
“Jewish Women in Berlin”
Ronen Altman Kaydar was born in Tel Aviv, grew up near Haifa and in the U.S., and living in Germany for the past ten years. He is also a writer and a translator; I’ve published a novel and a poem collection in Hebrew and translated numerous literary works, film scripts and Lonely Planet guidebooks. I’ve written guides to Austria, the Black Forest area of Germany, and, of course, Berlin. I have a Master’s in History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas from the University of Tel Aviv and have taught mathematics, history and creative writing before becoming a tour guide in 2010.
YOUTH EDUCATION

In March, we look forward to the spring weather and the blooming of flowers. This year, Passover falls at the end of March, and we are looking forward to celebrating as a community with you. Rabbi Sachs-Kohen will be leading a seder geared towards families online that you and your loved ones are welcome to attend. If you would rather celebrate with your family, Youth Education will be sending out a special BHC Family Haggadah for you to participate at home. However you choose to celebrate the holiday, we hope you find meaning, joy, and love. Chag Sameach.

Rachel Opatowsky, RJE
Director of Education

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CHAI LIFE

Join Chai Life for our First Friday Shabbat March 5 at 7 pm. We are also excited to host a Charoset Making Class on Monday, March 15 at 6:30 pm. Email jmanko@baltimorehebrew.org for Zoom access and optional ingredients list.

Jillian Manko
Director of Engagement

THE CROWD

Keep an eye out for our next “Navigating the Now” The Crowd’s series highlighting members in our BHC community and beyond. Want to be in The Crowd? Have a great idea for and exciting event? Contact jmanko@baltimorehebrew.org.

BHC CARES

BHC Cares presents BHC member and attorney John Singer speaking about how to avoid scams and cons on Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 pm.

John Singer, has practiced law for over 35 years, the last 25 years at the United States Federal Trade Commission (FTC). His presentation will help you to identify and avoid many types of scams and provide you with some ideas of what you can do if you become a victim. Mr. Singer is an adjunct professor at both the George Washington and University of Baltimore School of Law. All are invited to attend.

Please see BHC weekly emails for Zoom link and for further information contact BHC Cares chair Carol J. Caplan, carolcj@comcast.net or 410-484-6112.

CREDIT CARD USAGE

Effective NOW, credit cards will be accepted as payment for all BHC dues and fees with the exception of 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.
BACK FROM THE BRINK

Two years ago, BHC’s Board of Electors unanimously adopted a resolution called “Back from the Brink” and joined 300 groups, 51 cities and counties, and two states across the country calling for a change in US nuclear weapons policy to reduce the risk of nuclear war. Back from the Brink calls for the US to 1) end presidential sole authority to launch a nuclear bomb, 2) take nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, 3) renounce a willingness to use nuclear weapons first, 4) end the current $1.7 trillion nuclear weapons “modernization” and 5) negotiate nuclear disarmament with the other eight nuclear nations. It also acknowledged the effort of nations to develop a UN treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

On January 22, 2021 that treaty, the United Nations Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons, became official though none of the nuclear nations have signed yet. For the first time, nuclear weapons, which could end life on our planet as we know it, join the notorious list of illegal weapons according to UN law that includes: chemical and biological weapons, landmines and cluster bombs. All are indiscriminate killers. We are grateful that Baltimore Hebrew Congregation added its voice early to the “Back From the Brink” campaign. Now there is the UN Treaty that sets the framework for disarmament and another reason to hope that if we add our voices to others who call for change, our children and grandchildren might live in a world without the threat of nuclear war.

Humble, energetic, remarkable and outstanding are four words I would use to describe one of my heroes. Everyday I am thankful for all the help and support my hero has given me since the Summer of 2019. I was the new Acting Director of the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center and was learning to navigate the non-educational aspects of the position including budgeting and my hero was learning about ratios and the names of our classrooms. My hero does not have a child at the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center and she has a very important job at a large company in the energy sector. My hero is the Chair of the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center Advisory Committee, Laurie Duhan. In addition to her fulltime job, Laurie devotes an extraordinary amount of time helping and advocating for our school. Over the summer, we had several Zoom meetings a week regarding the monumental task of re-opening the school. I am thankful that Laurie represents the school at the many budget meetings, because my head spins from all the numbers on the Excel Spreadsheets. All of Laurie’s hard work is done behind the scenes and we cannot meet in person at the preschool like we did in the summer of 2019. However, it is comforting to know that Laurie is a phone call or email away. I want to say THANK YOU for all you do for the teachers, children and families of the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center. I am glad you are in our corner.

Jen Platt
Director

E.B. Hirsh
Early Childhood Center

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NIGHT OF THE STARS 2021 HONORS OUR BHC EDUCATORS!

The 11th annual Night of the Stars fundraising event, A Night In With Kevin Pollak, will take place on Thursday evening, May 6. This year we are proud to honor our BHC educators who exemplify the warm and inviting spirit of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Youth Education Teachers and E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Teachers

Rachel Opatowsky  
Director of Education

Jennifer Platt  
Director of the E.B. Hirsh Early Childhood Center

Kevin Pollak

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March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. While not technically a Jewish holiday (okay, it is not even close), it is celebrated by persons of all religions who love to wear green and have fun. And let’s be honest, after February’s snow and the news that Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow on Groundhog Day, signifying six more weeks of winter, we all need something different.

In honor of March 17, the Brotherhood Board will be holding a special meeting via Zoom at 7 pm to discuss updates to the Brotherhood’s Constitution and Bylaws. As I mentioned in January, 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 has taken several months and involved multiple individuals.

The proposed changes are designed to provide a modern governance structure that:
- Ensures alignment with BHC’s Constitution and Bylaws
- Allows greater flexibility
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- Addresses editing and clarity issues

The final document, after Board approval, will be voted on by the entire Brotherhood at our Annual Brotherhood Meeting in the Spring.

In addition to modernizing our constitution and bylaws, the Brotherhood is preparing for life without COVID. You remember those days: visiting friends without physically distancing, Sunday breakfasts at BHC and shopping without a mask. If you would like to be part of the Brotherhood’s future, please contact me or the chair of the Nominating Committee, Sid Bravmann, sidbrav@icloud.com, 410-952-6352.

Have a great Passover and be safe,

Danny Duhan, Brotherhood President
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**THE WOMEN OF BHC**

Over 60 years ago, Sisterhood, now Women of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, and Rabbi Morris Lieberman created a unique opportunity to study issues of the day with members of other religions. Led by Sisterhood President, E.B. Hirsh and Chair Dr. Clementine Kaufman, both of blessed memory, members invited their Jewish and non-Jewish friends to a day devoted to interfaith dialogue, where ideas of understanding and mutual respect became the basis of the Interfaith Institute.

Although from diverse backgrounds, participants gained new insights into the thoughts of their neighbors and community and held the belief that each human life is sacred. Usually, several hundred people attend the program. More recently high school students from several local schools have participated as well.

The topic of this year’s Interfaith Institute is **Lens or Blindfold? Religious Faith and the Challenges of Our Time**. Because of COVID-19, the program will be virtual on **Monday, March 22, from 9:30 AM – Noon**. The keynote speaker is Rabbi Michael Marmur, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. Responders are Rev. Ramelle McCall, Urban Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese and Zeyneb Sayilgan, Ph.D of the Institute of Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies. Over the years, our rabbis have helped determine the topic at a summer planning meeting with leaders of different faiths and served as moderators. This year’s moderator is Rabbi Busch.

Because of their commitment to interfaith dialogue, the families of the late Alice Hecht and Bernice S. Kramer established endowment funds at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation to perpetuate this important program. Our thanks goes to both of these families and to Baltimore Hebrew Congregation’s clergy and staff, as well as to the Women of BHC who volunteer. It has been one of my privileges to a part of this meaningful program for many years.

I hope many of you will join us on Monday March 22, from 9:30 AM to Noon. To register visit: BIT.LY/II2021.

Carol J. Caplan, Chair and Past President

**P.S. SAVE THE DATE:** **Sunday, April 11, at 1 PM on Zoom for the presentation “Amazing Women of Renaissance and Baroque Art” given by a docent of the San Diego Art Museum.**

**BROTHERHOOD NEWS**

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Danny Duhan, Brotherhood President
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**OFFERINGS**

We record with sorrow the passing of

Edith Kosches Avedon
David Berenson
Jeffrey Scott Brody
Steven Cohen
Joanne Carol Gampel
Harry Goldstein
Marcia “Bunnie” Maggid
Rachel Meytin
Ann W. Ries
Faye Rachel Ritwo
Pearl Rubinstein
Judith Stern

*May their memories be a blessing.*

**PERPETUAL MEMORIALS**

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Special Births
Andrew Bach, son of Allie & Ryan Bach, grandson of Debbie & Samuel Bach
Gordon Elijah Brookes, son of Rachel & Steve Beser-Brookes, grandson of Wendie & Nicholas Beser

We gratefully acknowledge the following offerings:

For the speedy recovery of Mickey Butler, by Susan Lorch
Rachel Lederman, by Susan Lorch

In honor of
The birthday of Gary Aiken, by Joy, Bruce, Adam & Rachel Katzenberg
Debbie & Samuel Bach on the birth of their grandson, Andrew Bach, by Ilene & John Brooks
The 100th birthday of Henry Banks, on the occasion of my becoming a Bar Mitzvah, by his great-grandson, Marshall Civin & Family
BHC Clergy and staff for the wonderful programming during the pandemic, by Robin & Robert Just
The new home of Leslie Glickman, by Susan Lorch
The birthday of Rachel Lederman, by Joy, Bruce, Adam & Rachel Katzenberg
The privilege of being a Bema guest at the Bat Mitzvah of Avery Lippe, by Ilene Brooks
The 100th birthday of Loraine Lobe, by Linda Flame & John Elias • Lois & Leonard Greenebaum
The marriage of Irina Minevich to Richard Aleshire, by Ilene & John Brooks • Becky & Larry Gutin
The birthday of Cantor Sacks, by Joy, Bruce, Adam & Rachel Katzenberg
The birthday of Shirley Simon, by Barry Hond

In memory of
Daniel Stewart Aiken, by Arnita Aiken
Bernice Sobin Albert, by Diane & Sid Bravmann • Ann & Richard A. Fishkin • Kol Rinnah • Harriet & Jay Kramer • Sandra Raskin • Carole Wilder
Edith Kosches Avedon, by Joan & Lowell Abramson • Marilyn O’Mansky • Janet & Joel Winegarden
Jeffrey Scott Brody, by Joan & Lowell Abramson • Benji Dubin & Rachel Dubin • Carol Anne & Dick Kaufmann • Marilyn O’Mansky • Marilyn & Alfred Rosenberg & Family
Dr. Sylvan Caplan, by Carol J. Caplan & Family
Emma Cohen, by Pamela & Theron Russell
Steven Cohen, by Debra & Howard Mirvis
Doris Davison, by Carol Anne Kaufmann
Howard H. Engel, by Sonya Blumberg & Family
Ruth Engel, by Sonia Blumberg & Family
Elmer Epstein, by Phyllis & Wilbur Fink
Joseph Farkas, by Susan Cohen & Henry Farkas
Joseph Felsen, by Phyllis Troy Gilbert
Isaac Ferber, by Anne Ferber
Morton B. Finifter, by Barbara Kanfee

Special Anniversaries
70th Phyllis & Herbert Siegel
60th Jeanne & Harry Mack
40th Kathy Keene & Marcy Hyatt
Lauren & Jordan Loran
Patti & Thomas Minkin

B’nai Mitzvah
March 6
Isabella Maxwell, daughter of Micah & Kristina Maxwell
March 13
Jack Dennis, son of Sarah & Jason Dennis
March 20
Marshall Civin, son of Katherine Newberger & Joshua Civin, grandson of Nancy & Curt Civin
Ruby Levinson, daughter of Brett & Sara Levinson

Marriage
Irina Minevich to Richard Aleshire
Betty Fink, by Brenda & Frank Boches
  • Sandra Raskin • Arlene & Irwin Wasserman
Mae L. Fischler, by Loraine Lobe
Leonard Frank, by Ellen Frank
James Frenkil, M.D., by Carolyn Frenkil
Joanne Carol Gampel, by Benjy Dubin
Harry Goldstein, by Becky & Larry Gutin;
  Rachel, Michael & Jacob Medvin
Joyce Hankin, by Murray Hankin
Charles Richard Hellman, by Lorna &
  Richard Kane
Tillie Herling, by Lauren & Steven Cornblatt
Bethra Jandorf, by Linda & Michael
  Rosenberg
Laia Katz, by Martin Shayt
Sylvia Rechtman Klein, by Susan Lorch
Robert Kussner, by Carol Seidman
Elizabeth Lowenstein-Lane, by M. Nadine
  Zimmerman
Sarah Macks, by her family
Marcia “Bunnie” Maggid by Carole Wilder
Melvin Philip Marks, by Gale & Max
  Weisenfeld
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  & Joel Brenner • Melissa & Mikel
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  Martin Levin • Next Floor, Inc. • Marilyn
  O’Mansky • Beryl Rosenberg • Marie
  Scanello
Leon Needle, by Susan Land
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  Vivian & Chester Civin and family friend,
  Bud Frankel on the occasion of my
  becoming a Bar Mitzvah, by Marshall
  Civin & Family
Abraham “Al” Rachelson, by Arnita Aiken
Charles H. Raksin, by Sibyl Raksin Gordon,
  Meryl & Stanley Raksin & Jay Raksin
  Pearl Reinstein, by Becky & Larry Gutin
  Anne W. Ries, by Linda Flame & John Elias
  • Lois & Leonard Greenebaum • Robin
  & Robert Just & Family • Harriet & Jay
  Kramer
Faye Rachel Ritwo, by Sonia Blumberg •
  Kol Rinnah
Mark Rosenthal, by Jeanette & John
  Parmigiani
Bertha Seidenman, by Shana & Jerome
  Seidenman
Saul B. Schechter, by Arnita Aiken
Hyman Schunick, by Nathalie Schunick
  Elaine Shayt, by Martin Shayt
Irvine Simon, by Barry Hond
Beverly Venick, by Becky & Larry Gutin
Joseph Weiner, by Faye & Richard
  Lehmann
Barton Wilder, by Carole Wilder
Richard J. Zander, Jr., by Ralph Brunn

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Gogel
The Library Gift Fund in memory of Joseph
  “Jerry” Mechanick, by Brandon Weiner
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Hertzman & Rex D. Perlmet

In Commemoration of the birthday
anniversaries of
Joseph Seidman, by Carole Seidman,
  children & grandchildren

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Sue Brown on her special birthday
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### MARCH EVENTS

**All March Events will be hosted virtually. See below for details on StreamSpot or Zoom venue. VS: via StreamSpot  ZM: via Zoom**

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### Fill Your Cup with BHC Daily Adult Education

**Monday-Wednesday**

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<td>“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, <a href="mailto:asacks@baltimorehebrew.org">asacks@baltimorehebrew.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Musical Activities to Do with Children/Grandchildren presented by Ralene Jacobson, music teacher and composer</td>
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<td>How to Write a D’Var Torah presented by Gerri Kobren, journalist and copy editor</td>
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<td>Qigong for Matzah Days demonstrated by Mindie Flamholz of Healing Minutes</td>
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Details to join will be provided in emails and weekly Briefly.
SERVICES
See online or email for links to Services.

Friday, March 5
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing VS

Saturday, March 6
Ki Tisa: Exodus 30:11 - 34:35
9 AM • Torah Talk ZM
10:30 AM • Shabbat Service with Bat Mitzvah Isabella Maxwell, daughter of Micah & Kristina Maxwell VS

Friday, March 12
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing VS

Saturday, March 13
Vayakhel-Pekudei: Exodus 35:1 - 40:38
9 AM • Torah Talk ZM

Saturday, March 13 (Continued)
10:30 AM • Shabbat Service VS

5 PM • Mincha-Havdalah with Bar Mitzvah Jack Dennis, son of Sarah & Jason Dennis VS

Friday, March 19
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing VS

Saturday, March 20
Vayikra: Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26
9 AM • Torah Talk ZM
10:30 AM • Shabbat Service with Bar Mitzvah Marshall Civin, son of Katherine Newberger & Joshua Civin VS
5 PM • Mincha-Havdalah with Bat Mitzvah Ruby Levinson, daughter of Brett & Sara Levinson VS

Friday, March 26
6:15 PM • Shabbat Service preceded by 6 PM Story and Singing VS

Saturday, March 27
Tzav: Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36
9 AM • Torah Talk ZM
10:30 AM • Shabbat Service VS

Sunday March 28
10:30 AM • Passover First Day Service VS

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