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# B'nai Israel Congregation

## October 2013 e-Midmonth

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Dear Friends,

We hope this message finds you well.

The coming weeks are filled with excitement for B'nai Israel. On the weekend of October 26-28, we are inviting prospective members of our community to [Test Drive B'nai Israel](#). Members and nonmembers are invited to check out our Schilit Nursery School, experience Shabbat, socialize at Lounge 6301, and more. And the fun doesn't end there! You won't want to miss our 20th annual [Mitzvah Day](#) on Sunday, November 10, and the [Hands on Shabbat](#) November 15-16 - experience all the fun, camaraderie, and spirituality of a Shabbaton without having to pack a suitcase.

We hope you will read through this email to find information about other programs including the [Men's Club Health Fair](#) and [Sisterhood Shuk](#) (boutique) on Sunday, October 20. You may also be interested in the [L'Mazel](#) program for expectant couples, inspiring [L.I.F.E. lectures](#), adult education classes, and much more.

We look forward to seeing you around the synagogue.

Shalom,  
B'nai Israel Congregation

## Shabbat Magic Weekly Youth Services

### October 19

10:00 a.m. - Gold Kippah Chug  
10:30 a.m. - Mini-Minyan (for children in grades K-3)  
10:30 a.m. - Junior Congregation (for children in grades 4-7)  
11:00 a.m. - Torah for Tots (for toddlers and preschoolers and their families)

### October 26

6th Grade Shabbat  
10:00 a.m. - Gold Kippah Chug  
10:30 a.m. - Mini-Minyan (for children in grades K-3)  
10:30 a.m. - Junior Congregation (for children in grades 4-7), including 6th Grade Shabbat  
11:00 a.m. - Torah for Tots (for toddlers and preschoolers and their families)

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## November 2

1st Grade Shabbat

10:00 a.m. - Gold Kippah Chug

10:30 a.m. - Mini-Minyan (for children in grades K-3), including 1st Grade Shabbat

10:30 a.m. - Junior Congregation (for children in grades 4-7)

11:00 a.m. - Torah for Tots (for toddlers and preschoolers and their families)

12:15 p.m. - 1st Grade Family Luncheon (No charge but RSVP's to [Sharon](#) or [Naomi](#) are a must!)

## November 9

3's Shabbat, 5th Grade Shabbat, & November Birthday Shabbat

9:00 a.m. - Parashat HaShavua Discussion

10:00 a.m. - Gold Kippah Chug

10:00 a.m. - Teen Minyan

10:30 a.m. - Mini-Minyan (for children in grades K-3)

10:30 a.m. - Junior Congregation (for children in grades 4-7), including 5th Grade Shabbat

11:00 - Torah for Tots (for toddlers and preschoolers and their families), including honoring our 3's students

11:40 a.m. - Youth Kiddush honoring all of our November Birthdays

If you have any questions, please contact [Sharon Safra](#).

## October Library Programs

### What Every Jewish Parent and Child Should Know About Applying for College

Tuesday, October 15

7:30 p.m. in the Goldberg Youth Chapel

This program is co-sponsored by the B'nai Israel Youth Department.

Join us as Dr. Manny Gerton, a clinical psychologist and college consultant, returns to provide us with his insights about the college application and selection process. Dr. Gerton has served in a wide variety of roles on campus; his experience as a college administrator, professor, counseling center psychologist and consultant will provide the foundation for an informed discussion about a timely topic. There will be a number of books on display in the library and available for checkout.

### Monday Night at the Movies

October 21

7:30 p.m. in the Goldberg Youth Chapel

*The Other Son* (2013)-105 min. French with English subtitles

A provocative tale filmed in Israel and the West Bank of two young men - one Israeli the other Palestinian who discovers they were accidentally switched at birth and the complex repercussions on themselves and their respective families.

## Gateways to Judaism

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Week](#)

Instructor: Rabbi David Rose  
October 15, 2013-February 18, 2014  
7:00-9:15 p.m.

Registration: \$300 for individuals, \$500 per couple;  
scholarships are available.

This engaging 17-week program of Jewish exploration and learning invites Jews and non-Jews to discover different paths to living a meaningful Jewish life. Participants explore Jewish wisdom, identity, spirituality, history, and observance in a vibrant learning environment. This program is an opportunity for anyone who is "wandering and wondering," regardless of prior Jewish knowledge. Interfaith couples, singles, and those considering becoming Jewish are all welcome.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration instructions.

## Choose Your Own Adventure: New Study Havurah

Chair: Jill Gendelman

Preliminary meeting on Wednesday, October 16  
7:30 p.m. in the Blumberg-Zalis Family Library

We are forming a new havurah that will be committed to Jewish study. The group will choose the topics, meeting dates and times. Rabbi Safra will help teach the class and find appropriate speakers and teachers.

Contact [Jill Gendelman](#) to get involved.

## The Sisterhood "SHUK" (Marketplace)

Sunday, October 20 (same day as the Men's Club Health Fair!)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*and*

Monday, October 21

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Vendors - Raffles- Free Treats - Lots of fun!! Start your Hanukkah shopping with us! Gifts - Jewelry - Crafts - Yard-Sale Goods...and our own Sisterhood Judaica Shop will be selling everything you need for your Hanukkah celebration!

For more information, contact [Rochelle](#) Iserson (301-340-9067) or [Gail Libin](#) (301-871-3661).

## Health for Life Expo Sponsored by Men's Club

Sunday, October 20

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Nutrition and Health Advisors, Bone Density Testing, Blood Pressure, Flu Shots, and much more!

For information, contact Wayne Berman (301-926-

[Torah from JTS](#)

[The JCA Career Gateway](#)

8665); Bram Hass (301-530-8064); or Steve Goldberg (301-279-0855).

## L'Mazel expectant parent class begins next week!

Mondays, October 21 - November 18  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

This series of informal gatherings for Jewish expectant parents will include topics such as how to pick a Jewish name for your child, details for *brit milah* (ritual circumcision) and naming/*simchat bat* (welcoming ritual for a baby girl) ceremonies, and values for Jewish parenting. A medical professional will also facilitate one session on infant care. The series is open to members, non-members, single parents, interfaith families, same sex couples, and couples considering adoption.

You can [register online](#) or download a PDF [flyer and registration form](#).

Please contact [Sharon](#) for more information.

## Sisterhood Happenings

### **Bingo with the Residents of the Hebrew Home**

Tuesday, October 22 at the Smith/Kogod Building  
Tuesday, November 12 at the Wasserman Building  
10:15-11:30 a.m.

Please contact [Dottie Cohen](#) (301-881-7115) for more information or to volunteer.

### **2014 Entertainment Books**

The 2014 Entertainment Book will be available the beginning of September in the Judaica Shop. The cost is \$25 per book. Stop by to pick up your copy.

### **General Board Meeting for all Sisterhood Members**

Wednesday, November 13  
9:30 a.m.

### **Chicks Who Stitch** (Meets one Sunday a Month)

Sundays, November 17 and December 8  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Now that the fall season is here, why not bring the sweater that you are knitting, the afghan that you are crocheting or even the tallit bag that you are working on and join Sisterhood for a few hours of socializing while you work on your project. It will be a fun morning. Newcomers are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you. Please contact [Harriet Levi](#) (301-649-3429) for more information.

### **Birkat HaMazon**

Thursdays, November 7 and November 14  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please join us to learn the Birkat HaMazon or improve your skills with Cantor Ilana Wolpert. For questions or to register, please Contact [Linda Reisner](#) (301-519-1776).

## Schilit Nursery School Open House

Friday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m.

*and/or*

Sunday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Attention all prospective families with children ages 2-5 interested in enrollment in our half day and full day programs for nursery school 2014-2015.

Contact [Karen Gerton](#), Director, Schilit Nursery School, (301-816-5578) with questions. RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

## Test Drive B'nai Israel: A Prospective Member Experience

Friday-Sunday, October 25-27

Join us for a full weekend of Shabbat services, open houses, educational programs, and a spectacular social event! Shift into high gear and "test drive" our B'nai Israel community.

### Friday Morning

9:30 AM Schilit Nursery School Open House

### Friday Evening

6:00 PM Tot and Family Shabbat Service (in partnership with PJ Library)

6:15 PM Traditional Shabbat Service

6:45 PM Family Potluck Shabbat Dinner [Click here](#) to register.

### Saturday Morning

9:00 AM Shabbat Services

9:30 AM Parashat HaShavua Discussion

10:30 AM Mini-Minyan (Grades K-3) and Junior Congregation (Grades 4-7)

11:00 AM Torah for Tots (Pre-K and younger with parents)

12:30 PM Conversation Israel with Daniel Levy, Congregational Shaliach

12:30 PM Q & A with Rabbi Safra and Tour of B'nai Israel

12:30 PM Mincha

### Saturday Evening

8:00 PM "Lounge 6301"

Come see B'nai Israel transformed into a lively piano lounge! Join us for an interactive and entertaining evening with professional dueling pianists.

\$18 per person / \$25 at the door

No charge for prospective members (advanced RSVP required).

Includes wine, beer and dessert.

[Click here](#) for the reservation form.

### Sunday Morning

9:00 AM Schilit Nursery School Book Fair  
9:00 AM Morning Minyan  
10:30 AM Schilit Nursery School Open House  
12:15 PM Afternoon with Abba

Prospective members are requested to RSVP for all services and events you plan to attend by contacting [Gina](#) (301-881-6550). We look forward to meeting you when you arrive!

Current members will need to register for the Shabbat dinner and Saturday night event, and are encouraged to bring guests.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this exciting weekend and to register online.

## Dairy Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 25  
6:00 PM Family & Tot Service  
6:45 PM Dinner

As part of our "Test Drive" B'nai Israel weekend, we invite members and prospective members to join us for our first Dairy Potluck Shabbat Dinner of the new year. Our potluck Shabbat dinners are a terrific way to bring in Shabbat with new faces and old friends at B'nai Israel.

We are asking each family who signs up to bring at least one dairy or parve item that will feed approximately 15 people. Please do not bring any items containing nuts. Please also be prepared to bring a pre-written note card stating what you are bringing and any possible allergens (eggs, sesame, etc.) B'nai Israel will provide the paper goods and beverages.

[Click here](#) to sign-up online. Questions? Contact [Sharon Safra](#), Family Education Director.

## Book Fair

Sunday, October 27-Thursday, October 31

Please stop by the Goldberg Youth Chapel to browse through the secular and Judaic books, software, puzzles, DVDs, and more that will be on display and available for purchase. These are great gifts for birthdays, Chanukah and all occasions. For more details on hours and offerings contact the [Schilit Nursery School office](#), 301-816-5578.

## Dor L'Dor Grandparent-Grandchild Event: Ceramic Painting & Lunch

Sunday, October 27

12:15 p.m.

Our fall Dor L'Dor event will be ceramic painting through the Amazing Art Studio in Gaithersburg. Their staff will bring your selected items to B'nai Israel where you and your grandchild(ren) can paint

and enjoy a special intergenerational afternoon together. These items are perfect for Hanukkah gifts - or for anytime! A light pizza lunch and dessert will also be served. [Click here](#) for the flyer and reservation form. Registration is due immediately.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Family Education Director [Sharon R. Safra](#).

## **Wine, Women and What's Nu**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Chairs: Meg Gold, Rebecca Taffet and Carol Vogel  
An event for all B'nai Israel women, sponsored by Sisterhood

Enjoy an evening with Cantor Ilana Wolpert and guitarist David Budin as they perform hit songs by Jewish female singer-songwriters such as Carole King and Bette Midler. Learn how these women and others contributed to the genre of popular music throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. Then stay a bit afterwards for refreshments and socializing.

Please RSVP by October 23 to [Meg Gold](#) (301-816-1037).

## **Jewish Intentional Communities Initiative**

November 1-2, 2013

Pearlstone Retreat Center, Reisterstown, MD

Together we share a vision that over the next 3-10 years, new Jewish intentional communities will bloom across the country - from urban kibbutzim to rural moshavim, suburban co-ops, and more - and that these dynamic and vibrant new Jewish communities will become inspiring catalysts in an ongoing renaissance in American Jewish life. We anticipate participants from across the country, including people who are already members of intentional communities as well as folks who are just curious and excited by the idea. For more information, [click here](#).

## **Jewish University for a Day: A Program of the Institute for Jewish Learning at JTS**

Sunday, November 3, 2013

12:00-4:00 p.m. at Kol Shalom (9110 Darnestown Road in Rockville)

This day is co-sponsored by Kol Shalom.

This day-long adult Jewish learning event, conducted by the Jewish Theological Seminary, features a plenary session and two rounds of workshops taught by both visiting JTS faculty and local instructors. It is designed to give you a sampling of academically-focused, text-based study that is the hallmark of the

Context program.

[Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to register online.

## Monthly Lunch and Learn: Torah Study

Monday, November 4  
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Schnitzer and the eager group of congregants and others who assemble monthly to participate in a detailed engagement with the text of the Torah.

## L.I.F.E. Lecture Series/92nd Street Y Presents . . .

[Professor Alan M. Dershowitz Interviewed by Jeffrey Toobin](#) Monday, November 4  
Reception at 7:30 p.m., Lecture begins at 8:00 p.m.

[Ari Shavit with David Remnick "The Tragedy and Triumph of Israel"](#)  
Tuesday, November 19, 2013  
Reception at 7:45 p.m., Lecture begins at 8:15 p.m.

Hear the story of Israel as it has never been told before. Two accomplished journalists illuminate the pivotal moments of the Zionist century and ask difficult but important questions: Why did Israel come to be? How did it come to be? And can Israel survive?

*All L.I.F.E. Lectures are free of charge and open to all B'nai Israel members and the entire community.*

## Day School Student "School's Out" Program

Tuesday, November 5  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
\$25 per child

On this CESJDS professional day, we invite our B'nai Israel JDS students to join us for a day of bouncing and fun!

The event will include a *hesed* project, a pizza lunch, a trip to Bowl America, games and more. Registration is due on Tuesday, October 29th. Contact [Sharon Safra](#) (240-221-2500) or [click here](#) to register online.

*We greatly appreciate the generosity of Bowl America in Gaithersburg for subsidizing the bowling part of our program.*

## Camp Ramah Informational Meetings



Wednesday, November 6 at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Lower School Campus, at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 7 at the home of Traci Reisner and Dan Merenstein, Bethesda, MD at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Camp Ramah informational session in our area in November. Hear how Camp Ramah's rich and varied programs offer campers the opportunity to grow, learn, and develop life-long friendships as they connect to Judaism in a unique way.

Camp Ramah offers two-week sessions for children currently in grades 2-3 and four or eight-week sessions for children in grades 3-10. Parents and children are welcome.

For more information or to RSVP, contact [Lori Fish Bard](#).

## Healing Service-New This Year!

Wednesday, November 6

7:30 p.m.

Members of our clergy lead an innovative and soulful service for individuals in need of healing, families touched by illness or loss, and other seekers of the Divine Presence. The short service consists of psalms and prayers, meditation, and moving tunes. This service will immediately precede the traditional evening minyan.

Questions? Contact [Rabbi Safra](#).

## Bereavement Discussion Group

Facilitator: Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C

4 Wednesdays, November 6-December 4

This group will not meet on November 27.

8:15 p.m.

Our Jewish traditions and rituals are important and comforting components of dealing with loss, but they might need to be supplemented with opportunities for more consistent and frequent companionship. Join others from the B'nai Israel community who have experienced loss for moderated discussion about the healing process, sharing, and mutual support.

Questions? Contact [Beth](#) in Rabbi Safra's office.

## Mitzvah Day is Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Morning Minyan

9:35 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Mitzvah Day Projects Begin

Please join us for our 20th annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 10. Whether you like to cook, *shmooze*, organize or are creative, there is a project for you! And, there are also family-friendly projects for young children and parents to participate in. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

And, don't forget the Mitzvah Fair. Come and check out how you and your family can get involved in the community by participating in service projects and performing *mitzvot*. [Click here](#) for details.

[Click here](#) to register online. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

*Mitzvah Day is made possible by the generous support of the Mildred and William Kaplan Social Action Endowment.*

## Walking with History

Instructor: Rabbi Jonathan Schnitzer

Chair: Mona Chase

4 Tuesdays, November 12-December 3

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Registration: \$30 members, \$40 nonmembers

This course is based on a curriculum by The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University.

Survey the major themes of Jewish history in short order, from the biblical period to our modern day. [Click here](#) to register online.

## HAZAK-Active Seniors Presents . . .

*The President as Leader* by Michael Siegel

Thursday, November 14

12:00-2:00 p.m.

The presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.

Bring a dairy lunch; we will provide coffee, tea, and cake.

Noted author Michael Siegel analyzes the leadership skills of five recent American presidents in order to de-mystify the essential elements and dynamics of effective presidential leadership. Signed copies of Michael Siegel's book will be available for purchase after the lecture.

Free of charge, but reservations requested to [Beth](#) (301-881-6550, ext. 575).

HAZAK is our group for individuals 55 or older who want to share in interesting experiences. It's never too late to make new friends!

## Jews and Brews: An Informal

## Jewish Conversation for Men

Thursday, November 14

7:30 p.m.

Lakewood Country Club

This program is sponsored by the B'nai Israel Men's Club.

Join Rabbi Schnitzer for drinks and schmoozing, followed by informal text study and discussion about ethical living in our modern world. Contact [Bernie Rod](#) for more information.

## Hands-On Shabbat

An "IN-SHUL" Shabbaton for Children and Adults of all Ages

Friday, November 15-Saturday, November 16, 2013

Join your B'nai Israel community for a relaxing and invigorating Shabbat without even having to pack a suitcase. Register for the entire "Hallah to Havdalah" package or choose those parts of the program that work best for you.

The Shabbat theme is Derekh Eretz. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Friday Evening

4:37 PM Candle Lighting

4:45 PM Discussion/Singing/Art Project

5:30 PM Wine and Cheese Reception

6:15 PM Shabbat Services (Choice of Traditional or Family Service)

7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner (Reservations Required)

8:00 PM Singing and Birkat Hamazon

8:15 PM Family Program

8:15 PM Presentation by Rabbi David Golinkin

8:15 PM "Halakhah for Our Time: A Conservative Approach to Jewish Law"

*The evening programming will end at approximately 9:15 PM.*

### Saturday Morning

9:00 AM Traditional Shabbat Services

10:00 AM Adult Learner Service

10:00 AM Gold Kippah Prayer Chug

10:30 AM "Abba Shabbaba" Family Service

11:15 AM Sermon by Rabbi David Golinkin

11:45 AM Concluding Prayers

### Saturday Afternoon

12:00 PM "Tailgate Shabbat" Kiddush Luncheon (Reservations Appreciated) with Singing and Birkat Hamazon to

follow

12:30 PM Mincha

12:30 PM Conversation Israel with Daniel Levy

1:15 PM Presentation by Rabbi David Golinkin "Torah Study vs. Social Action"

1:15 PM Youth Programming for grades K-4

1:15 PM Youth Programming for grades 5 and older

1:15 PM Babysitting  
2:15 PM Basketball and other games, snacks  
3:15 PM Return home for Shabbat Menucha (rest)

#### Saturday Evening

5:30 PM Art Project  
6:00 PM Havdalah, singing, dancing  
6:30 PM Dinner (Reservations Required)  
7:30 PM Evening Activities  
\* Bonim Under the Stars Planetarium Program  
\* Machar Film and FUN-due  
\* Adult Melave Malka with Rabbi David Golinkin

Contact [Beth](#) in Rabbi Safra's office (301-881-6550, ext. 575) or more information. [Click here](#) to download a registration form. [Click here](#) to register online.

*Special thanks to the Dollye and I. Wolford Berman Educational Initiative Grant for making this program possible.*

## Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi David Golinkin (part of our [Hands-On Shabbat Program](#))

Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16,  
2013

### Friday, November 15

8:15 p.m.

Halakhah for Our Time: A Conservative Approach to  
Jewish Law

### Saturday, November 16

11:00 a.m. (during Shabbat services)  
Jewish Unity Today: Shared Values? Shared Future?

1:15 p.m. Torah Study vs. Social Action  
"Which is greater? Study or Action?" Rabbi Golinkin  
explores the essential ingredients of Jewish  
education and identity.

7:30 p.m. Melave Malka, A History of Israel in Song  
Rabbi Golinkin sings Hebrew songs from the founding  
of the State to 1973, with guest appearances by  
Cantors Josh Perlman and Ilana Wolpert.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Sisterhood Membership Dinner

Thursday, November 21

6:30 PM

Dues \$36 | Couvert \$20

Get a taste of good food and new friendships. Please  
RSVP by Monday, November 11. [Click here](#) for the  
flyer. Questions? Contact [Lila Mensh](#), or Barbara  
Weitz (301-649-6234). Checks should be made  
payable to Sisterhood and mailed to B'nai Israel

Congregation, 6301 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

## Prayer Primer: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Instructor: Cantor Josh Perlman  
3 Thursdays, December 5-19  
Registration: \$30 members, \$40 nonmembers

According to Midrashic tradition, the biblical patriarchs each had a role in formulating our prayer services. Each week will focus on the themes and musical modes of one of our services as they relate to the lives of our patriarchs. Recordings and other materials will be provided with the goal of helping students to better participate in and even lead services.

December 5: Abraham - Shacharit (Morning Service)  
December 12: Isaac - Mincha (Afternoon Service)  
December 19: Jacob - Maariv (Evening Service)

[Click here](#) to register online.

## Schilit Nursery School Registration 2013-2014

### New this Year! Half/Full Day Options

Our [award-winning program](#) for children ages 15 months-5 years of age, will continue. A partnership between B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School (BISNS) and Academy Child Development, Inc. has been formed to offer extended hours to BISNS. [Click here to learn more about the extended hours.](#)

Your child's school day can begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m.

[Karen Gerton](#), Director, B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School, is more than happy to answer any questions that you may have. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Sisterhood Judaica Shop (301-770-7577)

**It's not too soon to be thinking of Hanukkah!**  
*Hanukkiot*, Candles, Dreidels, Gelt, Gifts and more.

### Shop Hours

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For special appointments, call Dottie (301-881-7115), Linda (240-242-4040), or Miriam (301-649-3770).

To special order personalized *kippot* and *benchers* for your *simcha*,

call Suzy Levy (301-460-9636).

## Harris Teeter Together in Education

B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School is linked with Harris Teeter as a registered school for Together in Education (TIE). You need to re-link your card each August. [Link your Harris Teeter VIC card](#) to B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School TIE Account number - 1506. After your card is linked, simply purchase Harris Teeter brand products or fill a prescription and if enough people shop at Harris Teeter a donation will be made to our nursery school. We appreciate your support.

## New Scrip Fundraiser

Want to support B'nai Israel with no strings attached? Go grocery shopping frequently? No need for more wrapping paper, pizza dough or magazine subscriptions? Support our new scrip program, which benefits the Family Education Department.

The Family Education Department will soon be selling gift cards for Giant Food and Moti's Market (formerly Koshermart). You can buy them at face value and use them just as you would cash or a credit card at those stores. **It will not affect your gas points, school bonus points, coupons, or any other reward points.** The Giant Food Cards may also be used for Peapod.

Buy them in the Education Office during office hours and most Talmud Torah school hours or contact Sharon Safra to make arrangements for another pick-up. Cash or checks only. Watch for information later this month when we have begun scrip sales! Questions? Contact [Sharon Safra](#) (240-221-2500).

## Congregational Trip to Eastern Europe with Rabbi Jonathan and Beverly Schnitzer

**Monday, April 28-May 12, 2014**

Join Rabbi Jonathan and Beverly Schnitzer as they visit Prague, Budapest, Krakow, Warsaw with an optional extension to Berlin. A trip to these destinations is an extraordinarily powerful and memorable Jewish experience-one that will truly touch your soul!

[Click here](#) for more information and tour highlights.

## Teen Trip to Israel - Summer 2014

June 15-26, 2014  
for rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders

Led by Dr. Louis Nagel and Melissa Schwartz

The [Jewish Journey](#) is dedicated to bringing groups to Israel and giving them an educational, enjoyable and meaningful trip. Participants are engaged in experiences that inspire and encourage them to connect to their Jewish identity while bringing them closer to the people and the land of Israel.

Highlights of the Teen Trip to Israel Include:

- \* Kayaking on the Dan River
- \* Jeep Tours
- \* Shabbat Dinner Overlooking the Kotel
- \* Floating in the Dead Sea
- \* Museums, and so much more!

Questions? Contact [Daniel](#) (240-286-6179). [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Multi-Generational Israel Adventure with Rabbi Michael and Sharon Safra - Summer 2014**

**Imagine Yourself in Israel!**

**July 28-August 8, 2014**

Here are just some of the incredible highlights that may be experienced on this trip:

- Visit the wonderful excavations of ancient Caesarea
- Go through the detention camp in Atlit that held Holocaust refugees denied entry into Eretz Yisrael by the British
- Enjoy a boat ride on the Kinneret followed by a lakeshore dinner
- Travel to the Golan Heights by jeep
- Tour and wine and cheese tasting at the Bahat Winery
- Glide down Jordan River tributaries in a kayak
- Swim in the wondrous natural pools at Sachne
- Experience Kabbalat Shabbat in the Old City
- Slosh through Hezekiah's water tunnel
- Tour the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem
- Ascent by cable car for a tour of Masada
- Walk through the beautiful Ein Gedi Nature Reserve to the waterfall
- "Dig for a Day" at the archeological site of Beit Guvrin
- And much, much more!

Questions? Contact [Rabbi Safra](#) (301-816-5565). [Click here](#) for more information.

## **The DJTorah Honor Society in Memory of Hazzan Deborah Togut**

The [DJTorah Honor Society](#) was created to honor the

memory of Hazzan Deborah Togut by increasing the number of teenagers who participate in the ritual life of the synagogue through Torah reading. Teenagers who read full-length portions in the Dweck Sanctuary service will receive credit towards the Society.

- Three (3) qualified readings reaches the Yad (Pointer) level and earns a gift certificate to Amazon.com, a special kippah, and a yad.
- Seven (7) qualified readings reaches the Keter (Crown) level and earns a place on a plaque in the Goldberg Youth Chapel. Students at this level will be entitled to an additional \$100 for approved youth programs (i.e. a member of the Society who would normally receive \$500 for a trip to Israel would be entitled to \$600).

The rules governing eligibility for scholarships are determined by the B'nai Israel Scholarship Committee. For more information about our scholarship programs, please contact [Melissa Schwartz](#).

Get started reading Torah and earning credits this fall. Please contact [Cantor Ilana Wolpert](#) to schedule your first reading today!

## Help Wanted in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Sales Associates Needed. Love to be around Judaica? Friendly and like to meet new people?

Join the volunteers to work in our beautiful Sisterhood Judaica Shop. We are open Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tuesday 4:15-6:15 p.m.; and Sundays 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pick one day or several. We would love to have you join our "staff". No experience is necessary. Contact Dottie Cohen (301-881-7115)

if you are interested.

## Mabel's Labels

Mabel's Labels carries awesome colorful, indestructible, easy-to-use labels. They are dishwasher, microwave, and laundry safe labels that can be attached to practically anything you don't want to lose. Clothing, dishware and more. To browse products and place an order we ask that you use the [unique B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School link](#).

Questions? Contact the Nursery School Office (301-816-5578).

## Daily Minyan Sign-Up

At B'nai Israel, we are justifiably proud of sustaining daily morning and evening minyanim. Unfortunately, our evening *minyanim* sometimes lacks the required ten adults during the winter months. We are again instituting a voluntary sign up list to try to



encourage more people to participate in our evening *minyan*. I want to urge you to try to commit to a *minyan* or two over the coming weeks, and to let us know in advance when those dates might be.

Click [here](#) to see a list of dates and people who have agreed to support us. You will notice that there are 4 slots for each date, as we already count on at least 6 "regulars" on any given night. The password is "bnai" and there is no need to register with the website unless you want email reminders.

Your commitment to ensuring our daily evening *minyan* helps B'nai Israel maintain the sense of community excellence for which we are known.

## Washington Jewish Week Subscriptions

Don't forget to subscribe or renew your *Washington Jewish Week*

subscriptions through Sisterhood. Make your check payable to B'nai Israel Sisterhood and leave it in the Washington Jewish Week envelope found in the Sisterhood mailbox in the main office (Jo at the front desk can help you). For questions, contact Toby Loewy. The rates are as follows:

Regular: \$72.08 for 1 year, \$99.64 for 2 years  
Senior (55 and up): \$38.16 for 1 year, \$72.08 for 2 years

## Bar Mitzvah Project

For his bar mitzvah project, Adam Mirsky, a rising 7th grade Tilden Middle School and Talmud Torah student, is raising both money and awareness for Wilderness Inquiry. For 35 years, Wilderness Inquiry has been dedicated to providing opportunities for, and access to, outdoor adventures to people from all walks of life, including urban youth, people with developmental and physical disabilities, and veterans. This fall, WI brings its Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventures (UWCA) to the Anacostia River for a week of daily canoe adventures in their custom-made 24 foot Voyageur canoes, giving many kids from Southeast Washington, D.C. their first real taste of the great outdoors in their own backyard.

Please help Adam in his effort to support the Anacostia UWCA program and Wilderness Inquiry's many amazing programs, by visiting [Adam's WI Champion page](#) and donating directly to WI, by sponsoring [Adam's Hike-A-Thon](#) in the Shenandoah National Park this August, and/or by joining Adam when he works to help make the Anacostia UWCA program a success in late October!

## An Invitation to Join Your Congregation by Telephone When

## You Cannot Be With Us at Our Services

Open your *Siddur* or *Humash* at home or away from home and participate in our Shabbat, Festival and High Holy Day services. Follow the reading of the Torah, study the parasha together with the congregation, listen to the comments of the rabbis on the many concerns of Jewish life, offer personal prayers and sing familiar melodies along with the Hazzan and our B'nai Israel community.

Up to 15 participants will be able to call into the B'nai Israel phone system between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and listen to the live audio of our service in the Dweck Sanctuary.

### How to use the system:

1. Dial the regular B'nai Israel phone number, 301-881-6550.
2. When the automatic system answers the telephone, dial "7".
3. You will be transferred to the live Dweck Sanctuary audio.

Please note: If 15 participants are already listening on the system, you will receive a message that the system is full. Please try again later in the morning.

## Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse

### TEEN SUPPORT GROUPS & YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT GROUPS

Beginning Now

Age-based groups for teens and young adults between the ages of 14 and 25 who have been involved in or exposed to dating abuse or domestic abuse. Groups are open to teens and young adults of all abilities, backgrounds, faiths, genders and sexual orientations.

For more information or for questions contact [JCADA](#) (301-315-8040). Confidential Help Line: 1-877-88-JCADA (52232)

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