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# B'NAI ISRAEL



## JUNE 2014 E - MIDMONTH

### **Friday Night in Lights: Jewish Music with Cantor Emanuel Perlman and The Chizuk Amuno Choir**

#### **Friday evening, June 20**

6:15 PM Musical Shabbat service, with Cantor Emanuel Perlman and the Chizuk Amuno choir led by their choir director, T. Herbert Dimmock

7:00 PM Picnic style dinner including hamburgers, hot dogs and a vegetarian option

\$12 per Adult (ages 13+)

\$5 per Child (ages 2-12)

Children 2 and under are free of charge

\$30 Family Max

*Co-sponsored by the Men's Club*

Reservations are due by Monday, June 16 to Liat (301-881-6550, ext. 507, [liat@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:liat@bnaiisraelcong.org)).

#### **Saturday morning, June 21**

9:00 AM Hazzan Perlman and the Chizuk Amuno Choir will lead sections of the service

Following Shabbat services, Cantor Emanuel Perlman will speak about the changes in Jewish music throughout the ages and there will be a musical presentation by the cantors and choir.

## **JUNE & JULY Shabbat Magic**

*Our Shabbat youth programs continue this summer on a modified schedule:*

### **Torah for Tots**

*For children 4 years old and younger and their parents*

11:00-11:45 a.m.

Meets weekly throughout the summer.



### **Mini-Minyan/Junior Congregation**

*A summer version of our youth service for children in grades pre-K-6*

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Meets on June 21, July 12 and July 26.

## **High Holy Days 2014/5775 - Dedicated Seats Available Now**

Guarantee your seat each year for the High Holy Days with wonderful dedicated seats available for purchase in the Dweck Sanctuary and Bimblich Hall. On Tuesday, June 24, and Wednesday, June 25, come by to see which seats are available and try them out! And, if you pay in full at the time of purchase, you will receive a 10 percent discount. You will never again have to worry about where you sit for the High Holy Days.

For more information, please contact [Larry Trope](mailto:larry@trope.com) (301-816-5563).

## **Schilit Nursery School Registration**

2014-2015 Nursery School registration is now underway for our Schilit Nursery School. Prospective families with children ages 2-5 interested in enrollment in our half day or full day programs for nursery school 2014-2015, including Before Care and After Care, please contact [Karen Gerton](mailto:karen.gerton@schilit.org), Director, Schilit Nursery School, 301-816-5578, to schedule a tour of our school.



**B'nai Israel Talmud Torah Registration** for the 2014-15 school year is now open. You may now register [online](http://www.bnaiisrael.org). If you have any questions, please contact [Becca Ward](mailto:becca@bnaiisrael.org) (301-816-5576).

## **B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School Parent-Toddler Class**

Fall 2014 Session Ages 15-24 months (with adult)

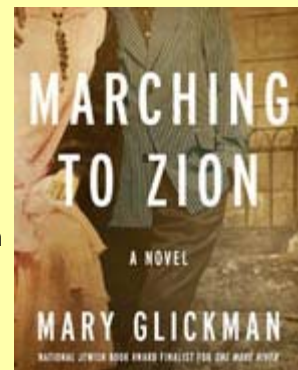
Class includes crafts, storytelling, games, music, movement, Judaics, and more! For information, please contact Nursery School Director, [Karen Gerton](mailto:karen.gerton@schilit.org) (301-816-5578).

## **All on the Same Page: A Summer Congregational Reading Program**

### ***Marching to Zion* by Mary Glickman**

Marching to Zion is an entertaining novel about sins of the flesh and the redemptive power of belief, a forbidden, tempestuous, and tragic love story of a beautiful Jewish immigrant and a debonair black man in the South during the early 20th century.

Multiple copies of the book are available in the Blumberg-Zalis Family Library. If the library is closed, please contact [Beth](mailto:beth@bnaiisrael.org) in Rabbi Safra's office (301-881-6550, ext. 575).



## **Book Discussion**

Saturday, September 6 at 12:15 p.m. following Shabbat services and kiddush

### **SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES**

*Every year during the summer months, we invite members of the B'nai Israel community to speak to the congregation during Shabbat services. It is always exciting for the congregation to hear about the interesting ways that our members connect special experiences to their Jewish identities. All presentations take place during Shabbat services, at approximately 11:00 a.m. We hope that you will join us!*

#### **June 28 Israel: The Home I Never Knew I Had with Jennifer Cole**

Jennifer is a rising senior studying magazine journalism at the University of Florida. After graduation she hopes to write for a headlining magazine specializing in women's health, fitness, wellness and travel. After spending five months studying abroad in Israel this past spring, Jennifer is currently working as an intern for Moment Magazine in Washington, D.C. In her free time, she enjoys running, hot yoga and any type of frozen yogurt.

#### **July 5 Jewish Heritage Tour to Spain with Art Fuchs**

Art and his wife, Sharyn, recently participated in a group tour of Jewish Spain, where they saw synagogues and other remnants of Jewish life going back to the 11th century. Much of what was produced during Spain's "Golden Age" continues to impact our Judaism today. Art Fuchs is a retired executive with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He began his career at NASA in 1963 working on the manned space flight program through Apollo 12. Members of B'nai Israel for 35 years, Art and his wife Sharyn play active roles in our Shabbat community and enjoy regular participation in synagogue programs.

#### **July 12 Exact No Interest: The Story of the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Greater Washington with Deborah Reichmann & Janet Stein**

The Hebrew Free Loan Association has served our community since 1909, offering interest free loans to immigrants and other individuals in need. Deborah Reichmann has served that institution as its Executive Director since February of this year. Janet Stein, its Board president, has been a member of B'nai Israel for nearly 50 years, during which time she has seen the congregation act as a leader to settle waves of immigrants and secure the Jewish future.

#### **July 19 Love and Belonging: My Journey Towards Judaism with Nancy Eig**

Nancy's connection to Judaism officially began 2000 when she married Wayne Eig, a member of B'nai Israel with a long family history here. But her journey began much earlier-growing up in Melrose Massachusetts, graduating from Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, the University of Hartford, Hartt College of Music, spending more than 10 years in Venice Italy, and always searching. After more than a year of serious study, Nancy officially became Jewish last month. She is excited to share her story and affinity for Judaism's sacred traditions.

#### **July 26 Running to Jerusalem with Larry Evans**

Larry and his wife, Becky, recently returned from a two week trip to Israel, which included participation in the Jerusalem Marathon. In addition to traversing much of the city by foot, Larry had the opportunity to visit areas of Israel that are off the beaten path from most tourist itineraries. He was introduced to the Kidron Valley Project, a bottom-up effort by Israelis and Palestinians to improve their standard of living and create an "ecological peace." Larry and Becky have been members of B'nai Israel since 1983. All four of their children have become bar/bat mitzvah at B'nai. Professionally, Larry is a labor arbitrator and is a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

#### **and coming in August . . .**

**August 2** Destruction and Rebirth: Reflections on Jewish Life in Eastern Europe  
with Susan Jaffe

**August 9** Articulating a Next Gen Voice for Pro-Israel Advocacy with Matthew Foldi  
**August 16** Agents of Change with David Bauman

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

**Imagine Yourself in Israel!**

July 28-August 8

Here are just some of the incredible highlights: Visit the wonderful excavations of ancient Caesarea, 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 Jerusalem, slosh through Hezekiah's water tunnel, ascent by cable car for a tour of Masada, walk through the beautiful Ein Gedi Nature Reserve to the waterfall, and much, much more!



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

**Our Family Shabbaton Returns this Fall!**

Friday-Sunday, September 12-14

Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center  
Reisterstown, MD

**Relax. Breathe. Discover. Enjoy.**

**Relax** at our Family Shabbaton weekend getaway. Leave your busy routine behind and come away with other B'nai Israel families to share the warmth and beauty of Shabbat at the lovely Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland.



**Breathe** in the open air and take in the beauty of nature that will surround you. Pearlstone's attractive and comfortable facilities create a wonderful backdrop for a fabulous weekend.

**Discover** how Judaism speaks to your life today in stimulating adult discussions and book groups. The weekend will also include traditional and family services, children's activities, adult socials, and free time.

**Enjoy** the excellent programming and friendships that develop from retreating from our busy routines to spend a Shabbat with old and new friends.

The Family Shabbaton is designed for families of all ages and stages. We look forward to sharing a truly delightful weekend with you and to forming new life-long relationships.

Questions? Contact [Sharon Safra](#), Family Education Director (240-221-2500).

**An early-bird discount is available for applications received by Monday, August 4.**

[Click here](#) to register.

**Mabel's Labels**



Don't forget to order your labels for Camp! 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. 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).**

### **Honey From The Heart - Sisterhood Fundraiser**

Each HONEY FROM THE HEART gift contains an 8 oz. jar of delicious 100% pure clover honey, certified Kosher by the Orthodox Union. It is accompanied by a personalized gift card from you, and is delivered in time for Erev Rosh Hashanah (September 24).



Ordering honey for your family, friends and business associates is a sweet way to welcome the new year while also supporting worthwhile organizations.

Honey Orders are \$10.00 each

Free shipping for orders placed by July 21. After July 21, shipping is \$4.00.

Delivery is guaranteed by Rosh Hashanah for all domestic orders placed by September 5.

To place your order online, [click here](#). If you prefer not to place your order online or have questions, please contact [Linda Reisner](#) (301-519-1776).

### ***From Our Table to Yours, Volume II* B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School Cookbook**

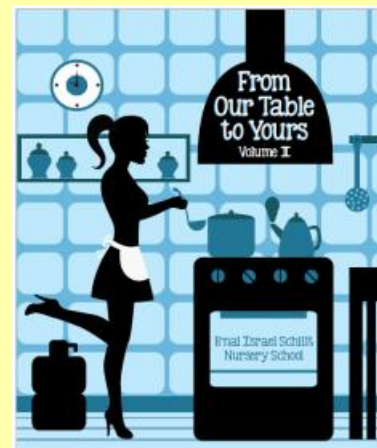
A collection of over 450 recipes including Jewish holiday recipes, family favorites, child-friendly foods and many more organized in a professionally designed 3-ring binder.

Buy a few!

#### ***From Our Table to Yours, Volume II***

is a great gift for house warming, birthday, bridal shower, hostess gifts, etc.

Don't miss out-Volume I sold out in record time. Available in the Nursery School Office for only \$25 per book.



### **Gift Card/Scrip Fundraiser**

Want to support B'nai Israel with no strings attached? Go grocery shopping frequently? Support our gift card scrip program, which benefits the Family Education Department.

The Family Education Department is selling gift cards for Giant Food, Peapod, Moti's Market (formerly, Koshermart) and Shalom's in Wheaton! 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.

Buy them in the Education Office during office hours and most Talmud Torah school hours. Or order them online and specify your pick up date by [clicking here](#). Cash or checks only! Questions? Contact [Sharon Safra](#) (240-221-2500).

## Mah Jongg Cards

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop is selling the 2014 Mah Jongg Card. Extra cards were ordered and will be available as long as they last. The Standard Card is \$8.00 and the Large Card is \$9.00. If you have any questions, call Harriet Levi (301-649-3429).



**Sisterhood Judaica Shop - For All Your Judaica Needs!**  
**301-770-7577**

### Hours through July 23

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For special appointments call Dottie (301-881-7115) or Miriam (301-649-3770).  
To special order personalized *kippot* and *benchers* for your *simcha*, call Suzy (301-460-9636).

## Ramah Day Camp

We are excited to announce the inaugural season of the Ramah Day Camp of Greater Washington! We are going to bring the Ramah magic to your area.

- August 18-22 at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase
- For children entering 1st-4th grades fall of 2014
- Under the direction of Camp Ramah in New England
- Welcome to our outstanding director, Shira Rosenbaum. Shira has many years of Ramah experience as camper, counselor, and *rosh edah*, and Ramah Service Corp Fellow.

*Ramah Day Camp of Greater Washington will feature all the classic programming and fun of Ramah camping in a day camp setting. [Click on this link](#) to learn more and to register: <http://www.campramahne.org/day-camp-washington-dc>*

For more information, contact [Shira Rosenbaum](#) (301-500-8251).

## 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!

## 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*. We 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.

### 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. 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

### 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.

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