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*\*Sale prices on selected merchandise.*

**Monday Night at the Movies**

Monday, May 12

7:30 p.m.

***Fugitive Pieces* (2007) - 104 min. English**

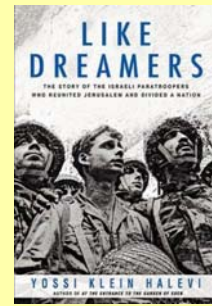
This story is the harrowing and haunting tale of Holocaust survival and the personal awakening of Jakob Beer, a man whose life is haunted by his childhood experiences during World War II. This program is free. Refreshments will be served.



## Rabbi Matthew Simon's Summer Reading Suggestions and Book Review

Wednesday, May 14  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

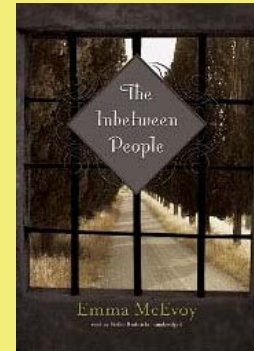
Join us as Rabbi Simon reviews: *No Joke* by Ruth Wisse, *Like Dreamers* by Yossi Klein Halevi; *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit; *The Nazi and the Psychiatrist* by Jack El-Hai; *Things That Matter: Three Decades of Passions, Pastimes and Politics* by Charles Krauthammer (a B'nai member), and many others selections.



## B'nai Israel's Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 14  
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Discussion Leader: Harriet Fredman

***The Inbetween People* by Emma McEvoy** - Avi Goldberg and his Israeli Arab friend Saleem, believe the past can be buried, reduced to nothing. But they both learn that war devours everything, and if you do not speak of these things, they are lost forever. Set amongst the Galilee Mountains and the hostile desert terrain of the Negev, this is a story of longing that deals with hatred, forgiveness, and the search for redemption.



## Men's Club Monthly Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker Dr. Steven J. Hausman

Thursday, May 15  
6:30 p.m.  
Free of charge and open to all

Dr. Steven J. Hausman has had a 31-year career at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a scientist and senior executive. He graduated with an B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967 and received his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1972 in the field of immunogenetics and transplantation biology. Steve joined the NIH in 1975, was appointed Deputy Director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases in 1990 and served in that position until 2007. While there he received the NIH Director's Award (NIH's highest honor).

## Sisterhood: Chicks Who Stitch

Sunday, May 18  
10:00 a.m.

Bring your knitting, crocheting or other needlework project that you are working on and join Sisterhood's Chicks Who Stitch. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information contact [Harriet Levi](#).

## Roots of Israelite Monotheism: Evidence from Archaeology and Texts

### L.I.F.E. Lecture Series

with Dr. Mark S. Smith and Dr. Elizabeth Bloch-Smith

Sunday, May 18

7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers

*This lecture is co-sponsored by the Biblical Archaeology Forum and the Biblical Archaeology Society of Northern Virginia*

[Click here](#) for more information.



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

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**with Guest Speaker Kathy Elias, Chief Kehilla Officer of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism  
and Honoring Wendy Schloss, Associate Executive Director on Her Retirement for 17  
Years at B'nai Israel Congregation**

Monday, May 19  
8:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting and election of our congregation's Officers and members of the Board of Governors, along with the reports from our current officers will take place at 8:30 p.m. in Gudesky Hall.

Following the meeting Ms. Elias will address the Pew Research Study on Jewish America and on Conservative Judaism.

### **Bingo at the Hebrew Home**

Perform a *mitzvah* and have fun with residents of the Hebrew Home.  
10:15-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 20 (Wasserman)  
Tuesday, May 27 (Smith-Kogod)  
Please contact Dottie Cohen (301-881-7115, [dottiecohen@comcast.net](mailto:dottiecohen@comcast.net)).

### **Sisterhood Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 21  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Shabbat Magic Highlights**

10:00 a.m. Gold *Kippah* (Prayer Enrichment) *Chug* (when school is in session)  
10:30 a.m. Mini-*Minyan* (Grades K-2)  
10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation (Grades 3-6)  
11:00 a.m. Torah for Tots (Children Pre-K and Younger)  
[Click here](#) for a detailed schedule.



May 24 - Combined Mini-*Minyan* and Junior Congregation (for children in grades K-6)  
May 31 - *Parashat HaShavua* Discussion  
June 7 - *Mishpacha* to *Mishpacha* Family Service and Summer Sendoff

## An Evening With Jeffrey Tambor

### Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa RAFFLE

Package includes: 3 night stay at the beautiful Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa (subject to blackout dates and availability, good through 5/29/2015), \$500 airline gift certificate, \$500 American Express Giftcard for expenses.



- \* Tickets are \$36 each or 3 for \$100.
- \* A maximum of 200 tickets will be sold.
- \* Winner will be chosen the night of the event and need not be present to win.

**Join us on Wednesday, May 28 for an unforgettable evening as Jeffrey Tambor shares anecdotes from his decades in front of the camera. [Click here](#) to order your tickets.**



### Operation Welcome Home

Thursday, May 29  
Time to be announced  
BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport

Join Sisterhood as we welcome Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard service members returning home from overseas. This is a great family activity to share with children and grandchildren. Details to follow. Please contact [Lynn Rayman](#) (301-460-0207) for more information.

### Monthly Lunch and Learn: Torah Study

Monday, June 2  
12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Registration: Free

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

## Shavuot Service Times

### Tuesday, June 3 - Erev Shavuot

Mincha 6:45 p.m.

Ma'ariv 8:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Shavuot

Yom Tov Service 9:00 a.m.

Youth Service 11:00 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:15 p.m.

### Thursday, June 5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Shavuot

Yom Tov Service 9:00 a.m.

Yizkor Prayers 11:00 a.m.

Youth Service 11:00 a.m.



## Confirmation

The students of B'nai Israel Congregations' Confirmation Class of 2014 invite you to share in a special evening to celebrate their passage to the next stage of Jewish learning at the festival services on Erev Shavuot.

Tuesday, June 3

5 Sivan 5774

B'nai Israel Congregation

8:15 p.m. Festival Service followed by Confirmation Presentation, "What is Torah?"

Dessert reception following services.

The congregation is invited to a dairy Shavuot dinner at 7:00 p.m., for which reservations are required. Please contact [Sharon Safra](#) (240-221-2500) or [click here](#) to register.

Congregational learning in the tradition of Tikkun Leyl Shavuot will commence from 9:30-11:00 p.m. All are invited.

## 2014 Confirmands

*Elizabeth Ackerman, Barbara Benowitz, Talya Berger, Zachary Flyer, Amanda Gross, Eve Morris, Rachel Nevett, Alexander Saltzman, Rebecca Stryer, Zachary Steinberg, Renee Wolf*

## Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Tuesday, June 3

Mincha at 6:45 p.m.

Shavuot Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Services at 8:15 p.m.

Study sessions begin at 8:45 p.m.



Help usher in the Festival of Shavuot, the season of receiving the Torah, with dinner, a service and a traditional evening of Torah study. Sessions, led by lay people and professionals, will cover a variety of topics and formats. This year's study will also include a special presentation from our Confirmation class. Learners at all levels are invited. Participants may stay for one or two sessions or for the entire evening if they desire.

**For an Erev Shavuot dinner flyer and form, [click here](#) or register [online](#).**

*Our evening of study is presented in memory of Rabbi Henry and Yetta Segal.*

**Sundaes on Wednesday Ice Cream Party (1<sup>st</sup> day of Shavuot)**

Wednesday, June 4  
12:00 p.m. (approx.) following Yom Tov services.

Children and their families are invited to a Shavuot make-your-own sundae party after services.



**Shavuot Family Picnic (2<sup>nd</sup> day of Shavuot)**

Thursday, June 5  
4:30 p.m.

Bring snacks or a picnic dinner to North Farm Park and join other members of the community for socializing and playing. Dessert will be provided by the synagogue. RSVP's are appreciated but not necessary to Sharon ([sharons@bnaiisraelcong.org](mailto:sharons@bnaiisraelcong.org), 240-221-2500). This program will not take place in the event of inclement weather.

**Summer Sendoff**

Saturday, June 7  
Please join us on Saturday, June 7 for our Summer Sendoff during Shabbat morning services as we honor our children and teens traveling to Jewish summer camps, Jewish teen travel programs and to Israel.

If your child is going to a Jewish camp or on a Jewish program this summer, be sure to RSVP to Melissa to receive a special gift.



**Sisterhood End-of-Year Dessert and Installation**

Wednesday, June 11  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

**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)). Online registration will be available soon on our [website](#).

**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.

## 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](mailto:Rabbi Safra) (301-816-5565). [Click here](#) for more information.

## 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, Director, Schilit Nursery School, 301-816-5578, to schedule a tour of our school.



## 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](mailto:Shira Rosenbaum) (301-500-8251).

## Our Family Shabbaton Returns this Fall!

Make plans now to join us the weekend of September 12-14, at the beautiful Pearlstone Retreat and Conference Center for a weekend of Shabbat festivities, socializing, and fun!

If you would like to be involved with the planning for the Family Shabbaton, please contact [Sharon Safra](mailto:Sharon Safra), Family Education Director (240-221-2500).

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

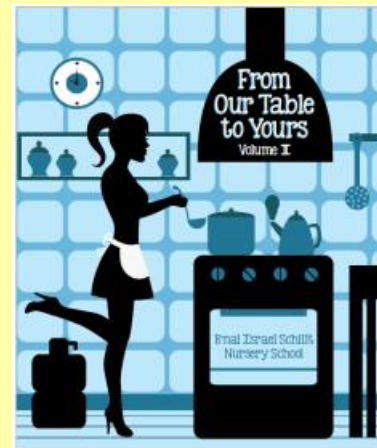
A collection of over 450 recipes including Jewish holiday recipes, family favorites, child-friendly foods and many more organized in a professionally designed 3-ring binder.

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).

**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!

**Memorable Moments of B'nai Israel**

Calling all photography enthusiasts! Would you like to be a part of preserving the legacy and posterity of B'nai Israel? We are looking for members to help us to record the history of B'nai



Israel Congregation for future generations. If you are interested in this important task, please email your name and contact information to Marni to be a part of this team.

If you had previously responded to our request for photographers, please send your contact information to [Marni](#) . We look forward to working with you!

### **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).



### **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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