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B'NAI ISRAEL



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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.



Special themed-programs on August 2 (Dinosaur Shabbat) and August 16 (Beach Shabbat).

Dinosaur Shabbat - Be prepared to put on your dinosaur feet and roar like a T-Rex as we celebrate Shabbat with our super-gigantic friends. Bring your favorite plastic or stuffed T-Rex or Barney! Wear a dinosaur shirt or hat if you have one.

Beach Shabbat - Wear your favorite shorts and t-shirt or sundress and sun hat. (No bathing suits please.) Bring a beach towel so we can pretend to sit on the sand!

Mini-Minyan/Junior Congregation Lite

A summer version of our youth service for children in grades pre-K-6
10:45-11:45 a.m.
Meets on July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23.

Schilit Nursery School Registration

2014-2015 Nursery School registration is 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.



B'nai Israel Talmud Torah

Registration for the 2014-15 school year is open. You may now register [online](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Becca Ward](#) (301-816-5576).

and . . . Mark your Calendars!

Shabbat Magic Opening Day
Saturday, September 6

Talmud Torah Grades K-6 Opening Day
Sunday, September 7
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Talmud Torah Mid-Week Classes (grades 3-6) Opening Day
Tuesday, September 9
4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Upper School Grades 7-10 Opening Day
Tuesday, September 9
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Talmud Torah Mid-Week Classes (grades 3-6) Opening Day
Wednesday, September 9
4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School Toddler Time

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

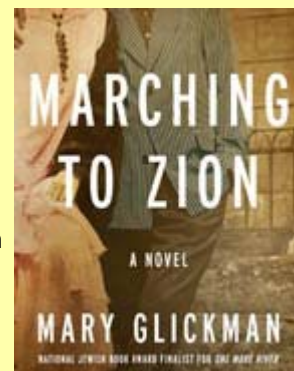
Class includes crafts, storytelling, games, music, movement, Judaics, and more! For information, please contact Nursery School Director, [Karen Gerton](#) (301-816-5578).

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](#) 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!

[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 [Israel: The Home I Never Knew I Had with Jennifer Cole](#)

August 9 [Articulating a Next Gen Voice for Pro-Israel Advocacy with Matthew Foldi](#)

August 16 [Agents of Change with David Bauman](#)

USY ON WHEELS is rolling into town August 4-5.

Host families are needed. Please contact [Melissa Schwartz](#), (240-221-2504) if you are able to help us practice the *mitzvah* of *Hakhnasat Orhim*.



Interfaith Works School Supplies Drive

This year's Interfaith Works Annual School Supplies Drive will provide new backpacks and school supplies to more than **2,000 students** who want to start the 2014-2015 school year ready to learn. For many families in Montgomery County, the cost of rent, food, utilities, and \$50 for school supplies for each of their children is just too much. You can help these students go back to school, ready to start a successful year. Please contribute new school supplies to the collection bin near the education office at B'nai Israel.



TOP FIVE NEEDED ITEMS:

1. Backpacks (grades K-12)
2. Packages of lined filler paper
3. Tab Dividers
4. 2-pocket Folders
5. Pencil pouches

OTHER ITEMS:

- 1-subject notebooks
- Composition books
- Erasers, large pink
- Packages of big markers
- Pens (red and black)
- Scissors (blunt tip and pointed tip)
- Rulers
- Pencil boxes
- Boxes of colored pencils

[Men's Club: Afternoon with Abba](#)

Frederick Keys Game
Sunday, August 31

The B'nai Israel Men's Club Afternoon With Abba program is once again inviting kids and their parents to watch the Frederick Keys (Baltimore Orioles farm team) take on the Potomac Nationals in the mini-version of the Battle of the Beltways on Sunday, August 31, over Labor Day weekend.



Game time is 6:00 p.m., but there is a catch on the field at 5:00 p.m. and then all B'nai Israel kids are welcome to run onto the field with the players for the National Anthem. After the game, kids 12 and under can run the bases and everyone can watch fireworks.

The Men's club will pay for all entry tickets to the game. Kids tickets include fun zone ducats, a souvenir baseball, cheese pizza and a drink. Adults are on their own for dinner.

Please contact [Jonathan Salant](#) for more information or to sign up. Reservations are due by Friday, August 8.

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

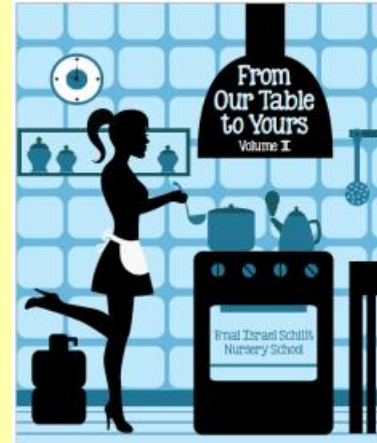
A collection of over 450 recipes including Jewish holiday recipes, family favorites, child-friendly foods and many more organized in a professionally designed 3-ring binder.

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 synagogue.

The Education office 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

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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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