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Shabbat Highlights

Shabbat Magic is under way! For a full list of our regular youth services and special events, go to our [website](#). Here are some special Shabbat programs in the upcoming weeks:

September 20 - 7th Grade Shabbat in the Dweck Sanctuary, [Parasha Discussion](#)

October 11 - Mishpacha Family Service, Pre-K Shabbat, and October Birthday Shabbat

October 18 - 4th Grade Shabbat in Junior Congregation



High Holy Day Workshop

The "Feeling" of Prayer with Cantor Josh Perlman

Tuesday, September 16

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Free of Charge

Prepare your mind, body, and soul for the *Yamim Nora'im*, the Days of Awe. Create meaning through the music ... even if you don't understand all the words.

Questions? Contact [Beth](#) (301-881-6550, ext. 575).



USY Scoop Night

Wednesday, September 17

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Baskin Robbins

Congressional Plaza, 1617 Rockville Pike, Rockville

B'nai Israel Congregation is invited to our annual USY Scoop Night! Join members of the B'nai Israel clergy and staff along with our USY chapter at Baskin Robbins where we will scoop your ice cream to raise money for tzedakah! This year we are scooping ice cream to raise money to adopt a squad of IDF soldiers!

Remember, there are no calories when you eat ice cream for *tzedakah*!

Holiday Flowers

Enhance your own holiday table or send holiday flowers to a family member or friend. Flowers always complement a beautifully set holiday table. Let the B'nai Israel Sisterhood take care of the legwork so you have less to think about during the holiday preparations.

\$54 for local delivery, \$59 for out-of-state delivery. All arrangements will arrive in time for Rosh Hashanah.



Orders are due by Thursday, September 18. [Click here](#) to download the order form.

Questions? Contact [Gail Libin](#) (301-871-3661).

Selichot & L.I.F.E. Lecture

Saturday, September 20

Havdalah Service and Dessert Reception

9:00 p.m.

Join us for the official start of the High Holy Day season. As we prepare to welcome the Days of Awe, we align ourselves with Jews all over the world who will celebrate the New Year with rituals sometimes similar, sometimes different from our own.



L.I.F.E. Lecture with Robyn Helzner

Kreplach and Dim Sum: Yes, There are Jews in China!

9:30 p.m.

Join Robyn Helzner as she shares stories, photos, video and music to explore the extraordinary history of the Jewish communities in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kaifeng; and traces their emergence as the fastest growing Jewish region in the world.

A stunning vocalist and vivid storyteller, Robyn Helzner served for six years as the cantor for the United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong and has worked with congregations in Shanghai and Tokyo.

Selichot Services

10:45 p.m.

Join Rabbi Schnitzer and Cantor Josh for a beautiful service that introduces the melodies, themes, and emotions of the High Holy Day Season. The service ends at the stroke of midnight.

**JSSA's Holiday Giving Program
Rosh Hashanah 2014**

Three times a year, JSSA, with the help of the local community, brightens the holidays for families and individuals in our community who are facing hardships. This year, as Rosh Hashanah nears, you can give the gift of opportunity for families to light candles, say Kiddush and Motzi, and dip apples in honey when they otherwise might not be able to. The cost to sponsor a basket is \$18 each.

To donate, visit www.jssa.org/holidaygiving or send a check payable to JSSA-Holiday to 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville, MD 20850. For more information about this program, [click here](#).

Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

Sunday, September 21

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Contact: [Signe Wetrogan](#)

Help us deliver over 60 Rosh Hashanah packages to senior residents in the Rockville and Leisure World areas. Pick up packages and names and addresses of recipients in the B'nai Israel parking lot in the morning. We ask that all deliveries be made before 1:00 p.m. that day. This is a wonderful family activity.

Aleph Isn't Enough-Hebrew Reading Level 2

Instructor: Nechama Fellner

10 Sundays, September 21-December 14

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Registration: \$45 members, \$60 nonmembers
(includes a copy of *Aleph Isn't Enough* textbook)

This class is intended for students with elementary knowledge of the Hebrew letters and vowels-no other Hebrew skill is required. Improve your reading speed and decoding skills, and develop a basic vocabulary that will enable you to better understand and participate in the rituals and rhythms of Jewish life. To register online, [click here](#).



Yom Kippur Ask the Rabbis Forum

Saturday, October 4

3:45 p.m.

Following the *Musaf* service on Yom Kippur afternoon, Rabbi Schnitzer and Rabbi Safra look forward to responding to your queries. **Please submit your question by email by Tuesday, September 23 to [Rosanne](#).**

Interfaith Works School Supplies Drive Collecting through September 30

Please contribute *new* school supplies to the collection bin near the education office at B'nai Israel. *All items should be new.*

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



Know the JOY of SUKKOT by participating in the mitzvah of lulav and etrog with your family!

Thanks to the resources of the Dollye and Wolford Berman Educational Initiative Grant, B'nai Israel is pleased to offer an incentive of lulav and etrog sets at the discounted rate of \$30 to families who are participating in this mitzvah for the first time. All others will be asked to pay \$40.

Order forms must be received by Tuesday, September 30. [Click here](#) to download the form.

Lulav and etrog sets may be picked up on Tuesday, October 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Wednesday, October 8, from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Men's Club SUKKOT Sales Program

B'nai Israel members can order a sukkah directly from www.sukkot.com and get a 10% discount by using coupon code: BNAISRAEL. Choose from wood frame and tubular kits, complete with bamboo roofs in sizes from 6' x 8' to 12' x 18' to fit your home.

The Men's Club can build your sukkah so you don't have to! Assembly prices start at \$54. If you need assistance with your sukkah selection, or would like to have your sukkah built, the Men's Club can help.



Questions? Contact [Asher Gendelman](#) (240-432-0020).



Dor L'Dor (Grandparent-Grandchild) Programming: Sukkah Decorating & Lunch

Sunday, October 5
12:15 p.m.

We'll start off with a pizza lunch and then make beautiful decorations for the B'nai Israel Fanaroff Sukkah.

\$5 per adult (covers lunch), \$8 per child (covers lunch and art activities)

Please register by Monday, September 29. [Click here](#) for a flyer or [click here](#) to register online.

Dor L'Dor events are open to B'nai Israel-affiliated grandparents and/or grandchildren along with their family members.

Sukkot Programs

Wednesday evening, October 8th through
Monday evening, October 13th

We have so much in store for Sukkot! Join your B'nai Israel family and celebrate this fun and festive holiday with us.



Supper Under the Stars Congregational Dinner

Wednesday, October 8

7:00 p.m.

Start off the holiday with a traditional Yom Tov dinner.

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

Sukkot Family Brunch

Friday, October 10

10:30 a.m.

Have a late breakfast in the Fanaroff Sukkah at this family-friendly event! [Click here](#) for details and registration information.

Sukkah Hop

Saturday, October 11

1:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Visit the sukkot of several B'nai Israel members for a nosh and schmoozing. [Click here](#) for details and registration information.

Open Sukkah

Sunday, October 12

4:30-7:30 p.m.

The B'nai Israel Fanaroff Sukkah will be open to individuals and families who would like to enjoy their own dairy meal there. [Click here](#) for details.



Pizza in the Hut

Monday, October 13

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We'll have pizza and pasta at this annual informal holiday program targeted at school-aged families. [Click here](#) for details and registration information.



Men's Club Political Forum

Sunday, October 12

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A complimentary breakfast will be served.

Please join fellow congregants on Sunday, October 12, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at a Political Forum Brunch sponsored by the Men's Club. This year, there is a gubernatorial election here in Maryland as well as important races for Montgomery County Executive, school board, and the state legislature. Details to follow.

There is no charge to attend and the wider community also is invited.

Jonathan Salant, a B'nai Israel congregant, veteran political reporter, and former president of the National Press Club, will serve as moderator.

For further information, please contact co-chairs [Larry Lesser](#) or [Eric Eisenstein](#).

Simchat Torah Teen & Child Readers Wanted
Friday, October 17 (MCPS professional day)

If you are planning to be with us for Simchat Torah services on Friday morning, October 17th and your child (probably grades 4 and up) is interested in learning to read Torah for a kids Torah reading table, please contact Family Education Director [Sharon R. Safra](#) as soon as possible. Torah readings are about 5-7 verses, should be learned with Torah trope, and will be read from the actual Torah scroll. We will be happy to give any readers the copy of the reading and a CD if needed.

** Please note that Friday, October 17 is a MCPS professional day.

Golem: Jewish Super Hero

Instructor: Cantor Ilana Wolpert
4 Tuesdays, October 21-November 11
7:30-9:00 p.m.
Registration: \$30 members, \$40 nonmembers

Adam, the first human being, was named for the earth (=adamah) from which he was formed. But in the rich imagination of our tradition, God is not the only one who can form a human being out of clay! The Hebrew name "golem" means "shapeless mass." Legend has it that Jews in the 16th century discovered a magical incantation powerful enough to create a life-a servant really, but without a soul or conscience.

Cantor Wolpert will explore literary works that feature the golem, from children's fairy tales to the current hit *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker.

[Click here](#) to register.

Wine, Women and What's Nu Fall Program: "Salud to Women!"
An event for all B'nai Israel women, sponsored by Sisterhood

Wednesday, October 22
7:30 p.m.

We all want to be as healthy as we can possibly be, but how do we accomplish this? We're so fortunate to have a team of experts, women like ourselves, ready to share their professional expertise with us on topics ranging over effective diet and nutrition, exercise, reproductive issues from pregnancy to menopause, and treatment of illnesses that affect women. Come and hear B'nai's own doctors, nurses, physical therapists, fitness coaches and nutritionists talk about you and your health.



There is no charge for this event however your RSVP will help us with your planning. Please RSVP to [Carol Vogel](#) (301-770-5444).

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning
A Project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Proudly presented by B'nai Israel Congregation, in partnership with Congregation Har Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington



Join eager adults for a journey of deep examination of Jewish texts. Melton's unique curriculum presents classic and modern interpretations that have shaped Jewish perspectives of the Bible

for thousands of years and invites students to lend their voices to the ageless pursuit of Jewish wisdom.

Shemot I: From Slavery to Sinai

Instructors: Rabbi Adam Raskin and Rabbi Michael Safra

Thursdays, October 23, 2014-January 22, 2015

9:30-11:00 a.m.

(No class November 27, December 4, December 25, 2014 or January 1, 2015.)

B'nai Israel Congregation

Registration: \$140 (includes a \$150 subsidy made possible by the Dollye and I. Wolford Berman Educational Initiative Grant)

Leadership, bravery, faith and doubt define the critical moments of this dramatic story of our rescue from Egypt and survival in the wilderness.

[Click here](#) to register.



Men's Club Sports Night

Thursday, October 23

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual Sports Night, as the always-popular Andy Pollin of ESPN 980 will return to give his inside take on the ever-changing Washington sports scene. Andy will also answer all your sports questions. We will also have a trivia contest with prizes as well. The evening starts with a free and delicious buffet dinner. Please RSVP by

October 16 to [Joel Goldberg](#).

Back by Popular Demand . . . LOUNGE 6301

Saturday, October 25

8:30-10:30 p.m.

Lounge 6301 returns for one night only! B'nai Israel will once again be transformed into a lively piano lounge! Join us for an interactive and entertaining evening with professional dueling pianists, beverages and dessert.

\$18 per person

\$22 per person (October 15-24)

\$25 at the door



Questions? Contact [Marty](#) (301.881.6550) [Click here](#) to download the reservation form.

Chairs: Jennifer Schwartz, Adam Tennen, Stacy Rabkin and Wendy Stickle



Heath for Life Expo

Sunday, October 26

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

Chairs: [Wayne Berman](#), Bram Hass and Steve Goldberg

Services Offered

Flu Shots ~ Vision & Hearing Screenings ~ Carotid Artery Screening
Grip Strength and Skin Screening ~ Nutrition Advice ~ Health & Fitness
Advisors ~ Finger Prints ~ Interesting Vendors ~ And More

Learn Your Numbers

Body Mass Index ~ Blood Pressure ~ Grip Strength ~ Brake Reaction Time ~ Bone Density
Height, Weight, Girth

For the 9th year, brought to B'nai by the Men's Club

Schilit Nursery School Sing Along with Karen Toddler Music

Friday mornings, October 31, 2014 - January 30, 2015
9:15-10:00 a.m.

Early Bird Registration thru October 15: \$200
Registration after October 15: \$225

Karen Shapiro Barbash's dynamic and spontaneous music sessions delight and enchant both children and adults. A professional guitar player and singer, Karen combines her musical talent with creativity, humor, and love for children. Her goal for each class is to create a memorable, special time for all. For information, please contact Nursery School Director, [Karen](#)



[Gerton](#) (301-816-5578). [Click here](#) to download the registration form.



Shabbat Around B'nai

An ongoing, pay-it-forward Shabbat Dinner Program designed to expand your circle of friends within the B'nai Israel community

The first night of Shabbat Around B'nai will be Friday, November 14. All you have to do is invite another B'nai Israel family to join you for Shabbat dinner in your home. We are happy to provide guest suggestions if you would like, or you can choose your guests on your own. You will receive a nice Shabbat bag for hosting,

plus of course enjoy an evening of lovely conversation.

On December 19, the program will run again. On that date, we hope that all the original hosts will want to host again with a different family as their guests, but more importantly, we hope all the original guests will pay forward the hospitality by inviting another family to their home for Shabbat dinner. It is, in essence, a Shabbat dinner pyramid scheme. The program will run again on February 6, March 13 and May 1.

You do not need to know how to cook to host! You can bring in a prepared meal, or even pizza. It's not about the food-it's about the connections. It is not necessary to have a kosher home in order to participate, either. Just disclose to your potential guests whether your home is kosher or not, and if it is not, please serve a dairy or pareve meal.

Light the candles, recite the blessings (we'll provide them for you!) and enjoy a wonderful evening! [Register online](#) or download a [paper registration form](#). Questions? Contact [Jennifer Schwartz](#).

Shabbat: A Unique Time Zone

Instructor: Rabbi Jonathan A. Schnitzer
4 Tuesdays, November 18-December 9
7:30-9:00 p.m.
Registration: \$30 members, \$40 nonmembers



Most Jews have some general familiarity with the concept of Shabbat. But how did Shabbat develop into such a powerful aspect of the Jewish experience? Over the course of four sessions, we will explore core sources relating to Shabbat in biblical and Rabbinic literature. We will also discuss how we as 21st century Jews might be able to develop our own Shabbat style and spirit.

[Click here](#) to register.

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, November 9
9:00 a.m. Morning Minyan
9:35 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Mitzvah Day projects begin

New Projects

Peace Players International Basketball Tournament
Friendly Tennis Game to Benefit Israel Tennis Centers
Be Brave and Shave to Benefit Children's National Health Systems



Collections

Montgomery County Humane Society
Cookies for U.S. Soldiers
Thoughtful Treasures Project
Clothing Drive for Interfaith Works of Montgomery County
Phoenix Computers
Habitat for Humanity

[Click here](#) to for more information and to download the registration form.

Israel: Conversation Plus

The Melted People of the Melting Pot

Instructor: Pnina AGENCYAHU, Shelley Kedar
3 Wednesdays, January 14-28, 2015, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 1, 2015; 11:00 a.m.
Suggested Donation: \$40-\$150
(Your donations will be used to fund a project in our Partnership Region in Israel.)

Connect with Israel with the head, heart and hand. Join two fabulous teachers for an exploration of the diverse cultures that make up Israel's "melting pot". The final session will be a chat via Skype with our partners in the Bet Shemesh / Mate Yehudah region in Israel. Participants will evaluate proposals and choose a philanthropic project to make a difference in Israel. All moneys collected will be matched by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington to fund the project.



Pnina Agencyahu is the community Shlichah (emissary) to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Her amazing personal story is emblematic of Israel's remarkable diversity. Born in Ethiopia, Pnina traveled to Israel with her family by foot at the age of three. Prior to coming to

Washington, Pnina was the director of Hillel at Tel Aviv University.

Shelley Kedar is the Director of Jewish Agency for Israel and Campus Israel Fellows at Hillel International. Prior to coming to America for her three year Shlichut, Shelley was the director of the International School for Jewish Peoplehood Studies at the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv.

Both Pnina and Shelley are remarkable teachers who combine their knowledge of the subject matter with their personal stories.

[Click here](#) to register.

Schilit Nursery School TODDLER TIME

Thursdays, September 11-December 18
9:30-11:00 a.m.

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).



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).



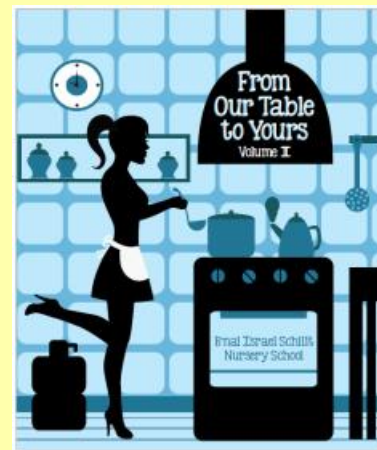
Schilit Nursery School Registration

Registration has begun for the 2014-2015 school year. Prospective families with children ages 2-5 interested in enrollment in our half day or full day programs including Before Care and After Care, please contact [Karen Gerton](#), Director, Schilit Nursery School, 301-816-5578, to schedule a tour of our school.

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

Are you looking for new recipes to prepare for the High Holidays? Check out our 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. The format allows you to add additional recipes to the cookbook; now all of your recipes can be in one location.

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.

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

Let the Judaica Shop help you celebrate a sweet new year! Come see the many new items on display from the New York Gift Show.

Shop Hours

Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4:15-6:15 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 Levy (301-460-9636).

B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School is linked with Harris Teeter!

B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School is linked with Harris Teeter as a registered school for Together in Education (TIE). It is easy and linking your VIC card to Bnai Israel Schilit Nursery School #1506 does not cost you ANYTHING! Don't forget ALL VIC cards will need to be RE-LINKED for the 2014-15 school year starting August 1st. 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.



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



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).

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!

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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