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JULY 2015 e - MIDMONTH

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

**Grand Slam Sunday: Jewish Community Day at the Ballpark
Sunday, August 30**



B'nai Israel Congregation is partnering with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington for Grand Slam Sunday: Jewish Community Day at the Ballpark. With your help and support, we know we can make it a wonderful day for all who attend.

The game starts at 1:35 p.m. and there will be two hours of pre-game, family-friendly programming, both outside the stadium as well as at a visible location inside the stadium.

Help us hit a homerun for our community! We can only distribute tickets in our "block" until July 30.

[Click here](#) to order tickets. [Click here](#) for more information.

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 11 - Larry Lesser

A Unique Israel Travel Experience: Shurat Hadin (Israel Law Center) and Its Use of Innovative Legal Strategies to Combat Terrorism

July 18 - Dr. Kim Lee Sim

Saving the World from Malaria

July 25 - Cantor Ilana Wolpert

Life Lived through Art and Torah

August 1 - Sarah Sachar

Advocating for Israel in the Next Generation



August 8 - Alan Ronkin

The American Jewish Committee: Global Jewish Advocacy

[Click here](#) for more information.

Shabbat Magic - During the summer, our youth services meet on a modified schedule. Torah for Tots, our service for our youngest children, meets every week at 11:00 a.m.

Mini-Minyan and Junior Congregation Lite meets at 10:45 a.m. on July 11 and 25.

[Click here](#) to see the August schedule.



Camp Ramah in New England Prospective Family Day

Sunday, July 12, *OR* Sunday, August 2

10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Come see for yourself where all of the Ramah magic happens! Check out our beautiful lake, refurbished tennis courts and sports fields, newly designed arts and crafts and woodworking studios, our thrilling ropes and adventure course and so much more. Tour our spacious bunks and see where our campers eat, pray and play! Learn about the unique Jewish education program which enables our campers to learn Hebrew and study their Jewish heritage in an informal setting. Meet the Director, Assistant Director and other key staff who will be there to answer questions and tell you about the extraordinary opportunities that await your child at Camp Ramah. Camp Ramah offers two-week sessions for children completing grades 2-3 and four or eight-week sessions for children completing grades 3-10. To learn more or to RSVP, contact [Lori Fish Bard](#).

HIGH HOLY DAYS

High Holy Day forms must be returned to the office by **Friday, July 17**.

Babysitting & Youth High Holy Day Programming

ALL children must be pre-registered by **Friday, August 14**.

[Click here](#) to register online.

Dedicated Seats

Guarantee your seat each year for the High Holy Days with wonderful dedicated seats available for purchase in the Dweck Sanctuary and Bimblich Hall. 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](#) (301-816-5563). Your dedicated seat is waiting for you!

Honey From the Heart Sisterhood Fundraiser

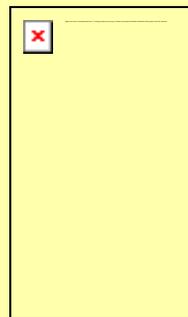
Ordering honey for your family, friends, and business associates is a sweet way to welcome the New Year and support B'nai Israel Sisterhood.

Each Honey From The Heart gift contains an 8 oz. jar of 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 13).

The \$15 cost includes free shipping within the United States. Orders received by August 31 are guaranteed delivery for Rosh Hashanah.

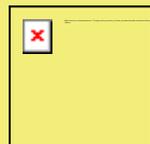
To place your order online, go to www.orthoney.com/ROC or www.honeyfromtheheart.org/ROC.

Please contact [Linda Reisner](#) for additional information and/or help to place orders.



Tickets Are Now on Sale for *The Book of Mormon* and *Once* at the Kennedy Center

NEW LOWER PRICES for The Book of Mormon!

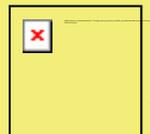


The Book of Mormon

Sunday Evenings at 7:30 p.m.

July 12, August 2 and August 9

Tickets: Center Orchestra \$150, First-Tier \$130



Once

Sunday Evenings at 7:30 p.m.

August 2, August 9 and August 16

Tickets: Center Orchestra \$120

[Click here](#) to download the ticket order form.

Music on the Lawn

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 p.m.

Join B'nai Israel, the JCC and PJ Library on Wednesday, July 15th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a picnic*, PJ Library story time, and music at Strathmore's Summer Outdoor Concert.

"Team Familiar," a funky upbeat Go-Go band, will play music starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free but registration is required. [Click here](#) to register and for more information. Feel free to invite your friends - this is open to everyone!

Contact Sharon Safra with questions [via email](#) or phone (240-221-2500).

(* - Please bring your own picnic dinner.)

Tisha B'Av - The Ninth of Av

On this day we commemorate the destruction of the Temples and other tragedies of Jewish history.

Saturday, July 25

9:00 p.m. - *Mincha/Ma'ariv* and Reading of Eikhah-Book of Lamentations

Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. - *Shacharit*
1:30 p.m. - *Mincha*
8:00 p.m. - *Ma'ariv*

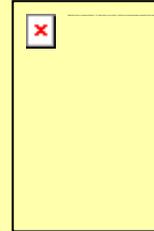
Fast ends at 8:50 p.m.

ALL ON THE SAME Page Congregational Summer Reading Program

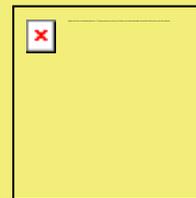
The Betrayers by David Bezmozgis
Winner of 2014 National Jewish Book Award for Fiction

Baruch Kotler was a Soviet Jewish dissident who now finds himself a disgraced Israeli politician. When he refuses to back down from principled stand regarding the West Bank settlement, his political opponents expose his affair with a much younger mistress. The couple escape, to Yalta, the faded Crimean resort of Kotler's youth. There, shockingly, Kotler encounters his former friend whose denunciation sent him to the Gulag almost forty years earlier. In a whirling twenty-four hours, Kotler must face the ultimate reckoning, both with those who have betrayed him and with those whom he has betrayed. *The Betrayers* is a high-wire act, a powerful tale of morality and sacrifice that will haunt readers long after they turn the final page. (Amazon review)

Join us after services on Saturday, September 12 for a book discussion in the Blumberg-Zalis Family Library.



USY on Wheels is rolling into town and stopping at B'nai Israel on August 2-4, 2015. Host families are needed for two or more teens on those evenings. Please help us practice the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests). Please contact [Melissa Schwartz](#) (240-221-2504) if you are able to help.



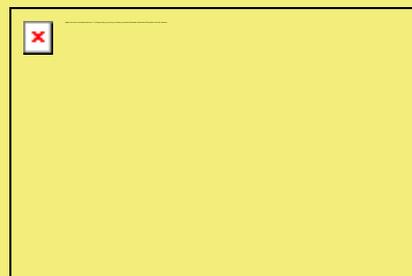
Talmud Torah Registration

2015-2016

[Online](#) Talmud Torah Registration is now open. The early bird registration has been extended until July 10. If you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer](#) (301-816-5576).

REGISTRATION for Nursery School year 2015-2016

Attention all prospective families with children ages 2-5 interested in enrollment in our half day or full day programs for nursery school 2015-2016, including Before Care and After Care. Please contact [Karen Gerton](#), Director, Schilit Nursery School, 301-816-5578, to schedule a tour of our school. Registration has begun.



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*.

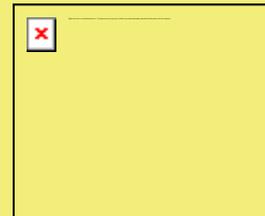
Seven (7) qualified readings reaches the *Keter* (Crown) level and earns a place on a plaque in the Goldberg Youth Chapel. Students at this level will be entitled to an additional \$100 for approved youth programs (i.e. a member of the Society who would normally receive \$500 for a trip to Israel would 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!

Mabel's Labels

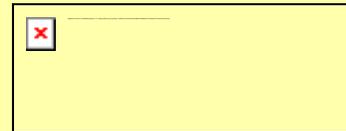
Get ready for camp! Mabel's Labels carries awesome colorful, indestructible, easy-to-use labels. They are dishwasher, microwave, and laundry safe labels that can be attached to practically anything you don't want to lose. You can use the labels when setting up a Kosher kitchen. To browse products and place an order we ask that you use the unique B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School link; <https://www.mabelsfundraising.com/c/11605>



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

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 2015-2016 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.



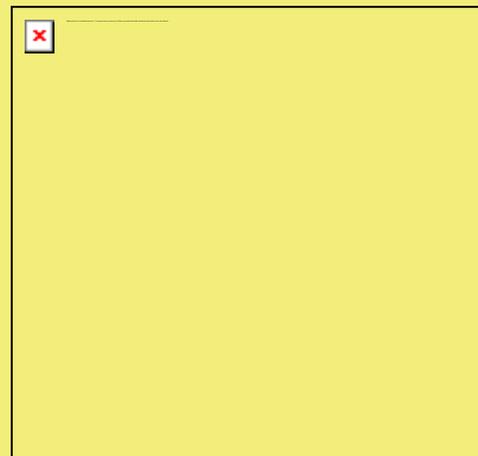
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Holiday Flowers

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
Place your order by Thursday, September 3, 2015.

[Click here](#) to download the order form.



Questions? Contact Gail Libin
(gail.libin@verizon.net, 301-871-3661).

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

Get a JUMP on your summer gift-giving! Visit the Sisterhood Judaica Shop.

JULY Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

AUGUST Hours (August 3-21)

are by appointment only. Call Dottie (301-881-7115),
Ellen (301-231-9312), or Miriam (301-649-3770).

Sunday, August 23 the Judaica Shop reopens with new and exciting merchandise.

To special order personalized *kippot* and *benchers* for your *simcha*, call Suzy Levy (301-460-9636).

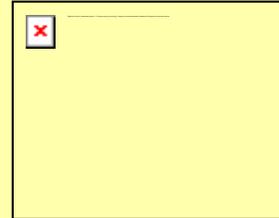
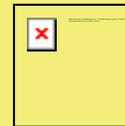


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Mah Jongg Cards

2015 Mah Jongg Cards are now available in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop. The standard card is \$8 and the large card is \$9.



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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