



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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### An Evening With...BEN STEIN

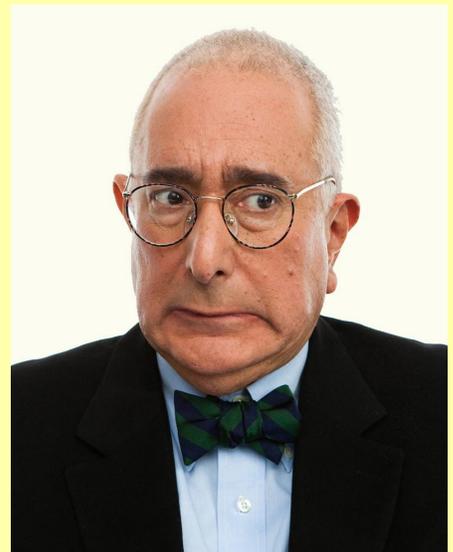
Thursday, April 26  
8:00 p.m.

"Why are Jews so Successful?" Mr. Stein, America's most famous economics teacher and a native Washingtonian, will speak on the discrimination Jews faced in 1950's and 1960's Washington, Israel at 70, as well as the success of Jews in Hollywood and the Media.

Tickets start at \$50 ~ Sponsorships start at \$125

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Questions? Contact [Patricia Simitakos](#), Events Manager (301-816-5573).



### ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 14  
7:15 p.m.

Come join us for the Annual Report on the State of the Congregation. At this meeting, we will have congregational votes to:

- elect the slate of officers and governors for 2018-2019
- amend the constitution

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting!

## WORSHIP

SHABBAT MAGIC YOUTH SERVICES

**Saturday, April 14**

April Birthday Shabbat

10:15 a.m. Gold Kippah Prayer Practice

10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation (for children in grades K-6) led by Liz Heyman

11:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat (ages 5 and under with parent) led by Juliann Goldman

11:40 a.m. Youth *Kiddush* honoring all of our April Birthdays12:00 p.m. Congregational *Kiddush***Saturday, April 21**

10:15 a.m. Gold Kippah Prayer Practice

10:30 a.m. Mini Minyan (for children in grades K-2) led by Juliann Goldman

10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation (for children in grades 3-6) and 4th Grade Shabbat led by Rabbi Berkowitz

11:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat (ages 5 and under with parent) led by Arielle Katzel

12:00 p.m. Congregational *Kiddush***Saturday, April 28**

10:15 a.m. Gold Kippah Prayer Practice

10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation (for children in grades K-6) led by Liz Heyman

11:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat (ages 5 and under with parent) led by Arielle Katzel

12:00 p.m. Congregational *Kiddush*

Saturday, May 5

**May Birthday Shabbat**

10:15 a.m. Gold Kippah Prayer Practice

10:30 a.m. Mini Minyan (for children in grades K-2) led by Juliann Goldman

10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation (for children in grades 3-6) led by Rabbi Berkowitz

10:30 a.m. Teen Minyan led by Moshe Ben Lev

11:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat (ages 5 and under with parent) led by Arielle Katzel

11:40 a.m. Youth *Kiddush* honoring all of our May Birthdays12:00 p.m. Congregational *Kiddush*

Saturday, May 12

10:15 a.m. Gold Kippah Prayer Practice

10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation (for children in grades K-6) and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Shabbat led by Liz Heyman

11:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat (ages 5 and under with parent) led by Arielle Katzel

12:00 p.m. Congregational *Kiddush*

All are invited for Talmud study with Rabbi Berkowitz, Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to register and receive location information.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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**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.

Call 301-881-6550 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and dial "7" to be connected.

# EDUCATION



Dear Parents,

All of us at B'nai Israel are very concerned about the safety and security of our children. Our Security Committee has been working very diligently for many months studying how best to strengthen security, especially with respect to our schools. There are many things in the works, but we want to highlight three major security enhancements for you at this time.

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, we will be installing bollards and boulders along Pascal Drive (the road from the back of our parking lot, past the playground and on to the parking lot of CESJDS and Ring House). These bollards and boulders will serve as a physical barrier between the road and our school, including the playground.

In addition, with the DHS grant money, we will be installing one-way mirror film on the exterior windows of the school. This film will make it very difficult for anyone from the outside to see inside the classrooms (while those inside can still see outside without any problem). In addition, in the event of a projectile from the outside hitting the windows, this film will prevent the glass from breaking into small shards that can cause significant harm to those inside.

Finally, we will soon be installing a locking mechanism on the glass doors to the school across from the library entrance. All staff members will receive a fob that can be used to unlock the doors. In addition, there will be a camera and a buzzer so that those who are not staff members can request that the security officer unlock the doors for entrance. (Of course, anyone can exit; the doors will only be locked for entrance.) We anticipate that there will be adjustments that will need to be made once the doors are locked during school hours, but we trust that you agree with us that the benefit of this additional security measure outweighs any hassles we may experience. Our priority, as always, is the safety of our children.

We anticipate that all three of these projects will be completed by late spring/early summer. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

[Marla Schulman, President](#)  
[Karen Post, Security Committee Chair](#)

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## **HAZAK ACTIVE SENIORS**

*Key Ingredients for Aging Well with Ellen Levin*

Thursday, April 12

Bring a dairy lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Program begins at 12:30 p.m.

Ellen Levin will discuss trying new things, brain science, and mindfulness. She will talk about forgiveness and gratitude towards ourselves and others. Ms. Levin will open a conversation about what has gotten you through difficult experiences. Finally, she will discuss family and social relationships, and why solid friendships provide us all with needed validation that we are valuable and of interest to other people. Who are your inner circle? Finally, what is MOST important for Seniors' quality of life?

*How Does Today's Political Climate Impact the Black-Jewish Relationship with Rabbi Batya Glazer*

Thursday, May 10

Bring a dairy lunch at 12:00 p.m., Program begins at 12:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Batya Glazer as she speaks about the relationship between the Black and Jewish communities, how it reflects the complication of our diverse histories and the challenges of the changing times.

These programs are free of charge, but reservations are requested to [Siobhan](#) (301-816-5562).

HAZAK is our group for individuals 55 or older who want to share in interesting experiences. It's never too late to make new friends!

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## **MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN: TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI JONATHAN SCHNITZER**

Monday, May 7 and the first Monday of each month

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Registration: Free

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

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## **L.I.F.E. LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS...**

### **JTS EVENING OF LEARNING**

**Eretz Israel: Land of Longing, Land of Promise**

Sunday, April 29

5:00-9:00 p.m.

\$36 for the Full Program, \$18 for the Second Session and Leil Shira Only

Congregation B'nai Tzedek, 10621 S. Glen Road, Potomac, Maryland

A celebration of Jewish learning, featuring JTS's renowned faculty and fellows. This program is co-sponsored by B'nai Israel and numerous local synagogues and community organizations.

Keynote Address: *Longing for Jerusalem among Jews, Christians and Muslims: Fantasy and Reality in the Middle Ages* by Dr. Benjamin Gampel

Study Sessions:

"Longing for Zion in the Land of Stalin: Zionism in the Soviet Union", *Dr. Elissa Bemporad*

"Paradoxes of the Holy Land: Possession vs. Sacred Space", *Dr. Hillel Ben Sasson*

"Jerusalem in Myth and Reality", *Dr. Alan Cooper*

"Religious Piety Confronts Sensual Pleasure: Images of Sepharad and Jerusalem in Golden Age Poetry",  
*Dr. Benjamin Gampel*

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for this program.

### **Bless the Bitter and the Sweet: The Diary of a Teenage Girl in the Land of Israel**

with Naomi Harris Rosenblatt

Sunday, May 6

7:30 p.m.

An illuminating journey through a pivotal time, Bless offers us a frontrow view of the intensely personal experiences and untold stories of a teenaged girl during the last days of British rule as Israel struggled for independence. Her diary translated from Hebrew into English, chronicles daily life during the tumultuous years from 1947 to 1952, and gives the author's insights and reflections more than six decades later.

[Click here](#) for more information on the L.I.F.E. Lecture Series.

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### **SCHILIT NURSERY SCHOOL**

[Registration](#) for the 2018-2019 school year is underway. Contact [Karen Gerton](#), 301-816-5578 for a tour of the school and registration information. Our school is always open. We would love to meet you!

# EVENTS & PROGRAMS



## **YOUTH DEPARTMENT EVENTS**

### **BONIM (K-2)**

Climbzone, Sunday, April 15, 12:15 p.m.

Lag B'Omer Celebration, Thursday, May 3, 5:30 p.m.

Bring your family to celebrate Lag B'Omer at Locust Grove Nature Center

### **MACHAR (3-5)**

Climbzone, Sunday, April 15, 12:15 p.m.

Lag B'Omer Celebration, Thursday, May 3, 5:30 p.m.

Bring your family to celebrate Lag B'Omer at Locust Grove Nature Center

### **KADIMA (6-8)**

IDF Bootcamp, Sunday, April 15, 12:15 p.m.

Rockville Ice Cream Tour, Sunday, May 6, 12:15 p.m.

### **TEENS (9-12)**

IDF Bootcamp, Sunday, April 15, 12:15 p.m.

Rockville Ice Cream Tour, Sunday, May 6, 12:15 p.m.

## **SEABOARD REGION**

Kadima & USY Kings Dominion Day, Sunday, April 22

To **register** for any of these events, [click here](#). **Questions** about these events? Contact [Erin Willcher](#).

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## **MEN'S CLUB EVENTS**

### **Hearing Men's Voices Led by Jeff Moss**

Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

This program features a small group conversation centered on an interesting and contemporary topic.

### **CPR Training Led by Jay Gruber**

Sunday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Because of the nature of the event, this training is limited to 15 people. Please RSVP to [Wayne Berman](#).

### **Dinner and Speaker Event with Dan Fisher**

*The Art of Beekeeping*

Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to hear Dan talk about beekeeping from a very personalized perspective. Please RSVP to [Wayne Berman](#).

### **Board Meeting**

Sunday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m.

We invite you to attend, learn, and help shape the activities of your Men's Club. Our board meetings are open to all members.

Questions? Contact [Wayne Berman](#) or [Richard Saltzman](#), Men's Club Co-Presidents.

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## **THE JCRC OF GREATER WASHINGTON'S COMMUNITY-WIDE HOLOCAUST OBSERVANCE**

### ***Hate Speech & The Holocaust***

Sunday, April 15

Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville

### **2:30-4:00 PM Teen Program**

Teens confront the impact of hate speech in discussions with a Holocaust survivor and members of Operation Understanding DC.

A youth led ceremony concludes the program. Learn more here.

### **Unto Every Person There Is A Name**

An annual worldwide name reading program coordinated by B'nai B'rith International. Names may be submitted online or brought to the commemoration.

### **Community Art & Artifacts Exhibits**

Youth and professional artists will display works reflecting upon this year's theme of hate speech and the Holocaust. View youth and community artists' original works inspired by the Holocaust and created for this year's observance.

### **3:00-4:00 PM Dor L'Dor**

Intergenerational discussions with Holocaust survivors. All are welcome.

### **4:00-5:30 PM Community-Wide Commemoration**

Memorial service honoring the survivors, victims, and heroes of the Holocaust, including a survivor sharing her living testimony.

To register or for more information, go to: [www.jcouncil.org/YomHaShoahMD](http://www.jcouncil.org/YomHaShoahMD).

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## **SOCIAL ACTION: COOKING FOR INTERFAITH WORKS WOMEN'S CENTER**

Monday, April 16

The B'nai Israel Social Action and Faith Committees along with Sisterhood, Men's Club and ACHOT will be partnering with Faith United Methodist Church to provide bag lunches and dinner for the residents of the Interfaith Women's Center for the week of April 15.

B'nai Israel has committed to provide the dinner meal on Monday, April 16 and bagged lunches for the following day. There will be opportunities to cook together at B'nai Israel and to provide various parts of the meal that can be prepared in your home. Contact [Signe Wetrogan](#) (301-384-2994) to volunteer.

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## **YOM HAATZMAUT: Celebrate 70 Years of Israel's Independence!**

Thursday, April 19

5:30 p.m. Activities for Children of all Ages

6:00 p.m. Israeli-style "Al Ha-Esh" Barbeque Hamburgers, hotdogs, Israeli salad, falafel, and more

7:00 p.m. *Zimriyah* (song festival) featuring [Rak Shalom](#), an award-winning, Jewish co-ed A Cappella group from the University of Maryland

Adult Members \$12

Adult Nonmembers \$15

Children (2-12) \$6

Nonmember Children (2-12) \$8

After April 12, please add a late fee of \$3 per person.

[Click here to register](#). Our celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut is made possible by the generous funding of the Edith and Charles M. Pascal Yom HaAtzmaut Programming Endowment.

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### **ACHOT 5TH & 6TH GRADE PROGRAM**

ACHOT Dairy Potluck Dinner

Friday, April 20

Student Led Service and Potluck Dinner to follow

*ACHOT is an experiential program organized by grade cohorts for mothers and daughters to share Jewish experiences, learn together, and explore Jewish values and rituals within the context of sisterhood, female empowerment and an emphasis on leadership development.*

Want to learn more about ACHOT? Contact [Arielle Katzel](#) (301-816-5567).

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### **CEMETERY PLOT SALE**

Sunday, April 22

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Cemetery Committee, chaired by Ken Levine, is planning a sale of cemetery plots. Plots are available in the B'nai Israel sections at Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney, Garden of Remembrance in Clarksburg, and at the B'nai Israel Cemetery at Oxon Hill. For further information, contact Ken Levine at 301-340-2833 or Laurie Pfeifer at 240-221-2512.

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### **BLUMBERG-ZALIS FAMILY LIBRARY EVENTS**

#### **Rabbi Simon's Summer Book Review**

Sunday, April 22

10:00 a.m.

Join Rabbi Matthew Simon for another exciting, invigorating book review where he will suggest a variety of summer reading material sure to appeal to many readers.

#### **Book Discussion Group**

Wednesday, May 2

11:00 a.m.

*The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff

Discussion Leader: Marcia Levine

A powerful novel of friendship set in a traveling circus during World War II, *The Orphan's Tale* introduces two extraordinary women and their harrowing stories of sacrifice and survival.

#### **Monday Night at the Movies**

*Nina's Tragedies* (110 min., Hebrew with English)

May 14

7:30 p.m.

A sensitive 14-year-old boy is asked by his wild, divorced mother to move in with his aunt to help comfort her after her husband dies in a terrorist attack. Through his eyes, we share pain and joy, and see that happiness is not easy.

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### **SISTERHOOD: BINGO AT THE HEBREW HOME**

Tuesdays, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

April 24, May 22 and June 19 (Smith/Kogod Building)

May 8 and June 5 (Wasserman Building)

Help make someone's day a happier one. Come assist the residents as they play Bingo.

Questions? Contact [Dottie Cohen](#) (301-881-7115).

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### **SISTERHOOD: WINE, WOMEN & WHAT'S NU: KOL ISHA - A WOMAN'S VOICE**

Wednesday, April 25

7:30 p.m.

B'nai Israel members are free of charge

Guests are \$10

Chairs: Meg Gold, Deedee Jacobsohn, Jodi Shulimson, Carol Vogel, and Cantor Ilana Wolpert

Sharon Goldman, inspired by her Modern Orthodox childhood and her current secular adulthood and

interfaith marriage, she has created a bold, original song journey merging Jewish imagery, myth, melodies

and memories with a modern, feminist perspective. She blends folk, pop and blues sounds with traditional melodies, Middle Eastern rhythms, Hebrew refrains, biblical and midrashic figures such as Lot's wife, Lilith, and the Sabbath Queen to address issues of identity, family and history. [Click here](#) for her *Pillar of Salt* video.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 18 to [Carol Vogel](#).

Please consider supporting the Ritual Director's Fund, which subsidizes Wine, Women and What's Nu programs. Those who donate \$72 or more by Wednesday, April 18, will be listed in the event program distributed that evening. If you are interested in donating, contact Allison in Cantor Wolpert's office (240-221-2507).

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### **FRIDAY NIGHT IN LIGHTS: MUSIC BY WOMEN COMPOSERS**

Friday, April 27

6:15 p.m. Service

7:15 p.m. Dinner

Cantor Ilana Wolpert and women of the congregation will present a Shabbat Ma'ariv service with liturgical pieces written by female composers such as Linda Hirshhorn, Lisa Levine, Rachele Nelson, Sylvia F. Goldstein, and Debbie Friedman. Shabbat dinner will follow the service.

\$18/adult (ages 13 and older)

\$9/child (ages 2-12)

Children under 2 years of age are free.

Please note: There is no charge to attend the Friday evening services.

**Reservations are due by Friday, April 20.** [Click here](#) to register. Questions? Contact [Allison](#) (240-221-2507).

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### **SISTERHOOD: CHICKS WHO STITCH**

Sunday, April 29, May 13, June 10

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

Bring your favorite knitting, crocheting or needlepoint project and join other women to socialize. We'll provide the coffee, tea and noshes-you provide the friendship! Questions? Contact [Harriet Levi](#).

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### **THE SARA & SAMUEL J. LESSANS GOOD DEEDS DAY**

**Sunday, April 29**

On this day, synagogues and institutions throughout the community will perform deeds of service. Here are two opportunities to participate through B'nai Israel:

#### **Manna Food Center**

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

Meet at the Manna Food Center (9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg) at 10:00 a.m. to help pack food boxes for needy individuals in our community. It's a great family activity. Questions? Contact [Andrea Nadelman](#).

To register, [click here](#).

#### **Rebuilding Together**

**9:00 a.m.**

B'nai Israel is again participating in Rebuilding Together. This year we are partnering with Faith United Methodist Church, our neighbors down Montrose Rd. We will be making repairs on the home of a low-income resident in our area, and we need volunteers. You do not need to be a construction professional to participate- there are opportunities to help with painting, cleaning, and modest amounts of yard work. If you are a skilled professional or would like to volunteer, [click here](#). Questions? Please contact [Rabbi Berkowitz](#) (301-816-5575) or House Captains [Jason Sheer](#) and [David Baum](#). All you need is a desire to help your neighbors who are unable to perform these needed repairs themselves.

Even if you can't help us with the rebuilding effort, you can still help with a contribution to social action, which will help to defray the cost for our sponsorship fee. Make your donation online at [www.bnaisraelcong.org/donate](http://www.bnaisraelcong.org/donate) or send your check to B'nai Israel and designate it to "Rebuilding Together".

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### **JEWISH NATIONAL FUND BREAKFAST FOR ISRAEL**

"Challenging Choices: Confronting a Dangerous Middle East"

Featuring guest speaker, Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer

Sunday, April 29

10:30-11:30 a.m. Program

Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

Reservations are due by April 16 to [jnf.org/dcbreakfast](http://jnf.org/dcbreakfast)

B'nai Israel Congregation

There is no cost to attend however RSVPs are required. Breakfast will be served and dietary laws will be observed. Attendees will have an opportunity to make a donation to JNF's 2018 campaign. For more information, contact **Stuart Diamant-Cohen** (301-589-8565, ext. 841). This event is co-chaired by Adrienne Rulnick and Chet Stein.

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### **LADIES GAME DAY SPONSORED BY B'NAI ISRAEL SISTERHOOD**

Thursday, May 17

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$36/person includes a dairy lunch of assorted wraps, salad and dessert.

Join Sisterhood for a day of Bridge, Canasta, Mah Jongg and other table games. Come alone or bring your own teammates, game and supplies. All are welcome! Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 8.

Questions? Contact [Joan Barr](#) or [Lynn Rayman](#).

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### **MEN'S CLUB STEAK AND BOURBON NIGHT**

Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

This very popular event offers an opportunity to taste four special and different kinds of bourbons and to learn from a certified whiskey educator. Hors d'oeuvres will be served followed by a delicious steak dinner.

Reservations are due by Tuesday, May 8.

Questions? Contact [Jeff Fredman](#). Register online at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/bourbonandsteak](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/bourbonandsteak).

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### **ISRAEL@70: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

Sunday, June 3

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Plaza at Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Rd., Tysons, VA 22182

Party with the Jewish community of Greater Washington as we celebrate Israel's 70th birthday! Enjoy live music, authentic food and fun activities for the whole family.

### **ISRAEL@70 Art Contest**

Your artwork could be featured at Federation's Israel@70 Celebration!

In celebration of Israel's 70th Independence Day, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington is holding an art contest for students in grades Pre-K through 12. In partnership with the Washington Jewish Week, 10 finalists will be published in two issues of the newspaper in April and the winning artwork will be displayed at Federation's Israel@70 Celebration.

### **Contest Art Theme: What Israel@70 Means to Me**

Create artwork that portrays the excitement, advancement and importance of Israel's 70th Independence Day. Illustrate what comes to mind when you hear about Israel. Your artwork can reflect any aspect that makes Israeli culture special to you, including food, music, people, landmarks, cities, etc.

[Click here](#) for more information. Questions? Contact [Danna Koren](#) (301-348-7354).

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### **JEWISH HERITAGE TRIP TO ST. PETERSBURG, THE BALTICS AND SCANDINAVIA**

June 5-18, 2018

Led by Rabbi Jonathan & Beverly Schnitzer

[Click here](#) to learn more about the trip.

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### **SISTERHOOD: TRIP TO OFF-BROADWAY**

Sunday, June 10, 1:00 p.m.

Please join us to see *On Your Feet* at the Baltimore Hippodrome. Transportation provided to/from the Hippodrome as well as Dinner at David Chu's Chinese Restaurant in Baltimore. Questions? Contact

[Christina Hersh](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for details.

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### **MULTI-GENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE ISRAEL TOUR LED BY RABBI MICHAEL SAFRA**

July 1-13, 2018

This expertly designed trip was designed as a multi-generational tour with exciting components for adults

and children of all ages. Your senses will be filled with the life, smell, sounds and textures of modern Israel, along with an appreciation of our connections to our Jewish roots and biblical history. [Click here](#) for details.

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### **SISTERHOOD'S DROP-IN MAH JONGG**

Every Monday  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
No reservations necessary.



# DONATIONS

### **JOIN SISTERHOOD IN A "WARM & FUZZY" SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT!**

B'nai Israel Sisterhood supports the Blanket Making Project of the Montgomery County Association for Family and Community Education (MCAFCE). Now associated with Warm Up America, FCE distributes blankets to children and teens in local shelters and hospitals. You can participate by crocheting or knitting squares, which are assembled into Afghans by FCE volunteers. Or, consider donating a handmade, washable blanket. Blankets must be a minimum of 36" x 36", but larger blankets of 36" x 45" are needed for teens. We also accept donations of washable yarn and fabric (especially boy-friendly and gender-neutral colors and designs).

Contact [Juliann Goldman](#) for more information or to arrange for pick-up.

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### **MAH JONGG 2018 CARD SALES**

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop is still selling the 2018 Mah Jongg Cards. Please place your order now! We will call you when the order comes in so that you can pick it up and be ready to play with your group. (Late March) Standard Card is \$8.00 and Large Card is \$9.00. Questions? Please call Harriet Levi (301-649-3429).

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### **HINEINI - ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2017-2018**

*Sustaining Our Home for Jewish Life*

Your Hineini contribution enables us to support our high quality Clergy, educators, and staff. Hineini also makes it possible to provide the best programs, and guarantees the strength of our synagogue. Your financial support and participation strengthens our community and guarantees our future-enabling B'nai to be there for you, especially when you need it the most.

Hineni Takes Us from Good to Great! [Click here](#) to participate.

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### **HARRIS TEETER TOGETHER IN EDUCATION**

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 at the start of each school year. 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.



### **AMAZONSMILE**

is a simple and automatic way for you to support B'nai Israel Congregation every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

On your first visit to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), select B'nai Israel Congregation in Rockville to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be remembered, and every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation.

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**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. Back to School? Label clothing. Setting up a kosher home? Label kitchen and pantry items. To browse products and place an order we ask that you use the unique [B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School link](#). You will then choose SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER and select BNAI ISRAEL SCHILIT NURSERY SCHOOL. Thank you in advance for your support. Questions? Contact the Nursery School Office (301-816-5578).



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### **SUPPORT B'NAI ISRAEL EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGH OUR SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER!**

Buy Giant/Peapod, Moti's, and Shalom Kosher Gift Cards at face value and they donate 5% of the value to B'nai Israel. Cards are available in the Education Office for check/cash in various denominations.

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## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LOOKING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

Did you know that B'nai Israel is becoming a Solidarity Congregation? This means we will pledge our support to any faith communities in our area that have been the victims of a hate crime. We are looking for a group of individuals to become trained as First Responders. There is no commitment beyond attending one training session, which will be held at B'nai Israel sometime this spring. If you are interested in attending the training or learning more, contact me directly.

[Reyna Farber](#)

Faith Community Outreach Committee

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### **IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP!**

Through the Tikvah Program, Camp Ramah-the Conservative Movement's summer camp-offers an inclusive program for children with special needs. Sisterhood participates in this effort by helping to defray the costs of a child's camp experience. Tikvah Fund recipients in the past have often been local families. Please help support this important program by contributing to Sisterhood's Tikvah Fund or by purchasing Tikvah Fund cards (\$5 each) that can be sent in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

For more information, contact [Rhona Shemesh](#) (301-230-0221 ).

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### **THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY (OEMHS)**

is responsible for emergency planning and emergency preparedness within the County, management and coordination of emergency response, and outreach to the community regarding emergency preparedness. Below are 2 manuals that have been prepared and that the county asked we make available to our members for your personal use.

[Community Preparedness Workbook](#)

This workbook provides information on preparedness for any and all emergencies, important contact information for during an emergency, and has "fill in the blank" and checklist sections for individuals to fill out to make an Emergency Plan.

[Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Workbook](#)

This workbook provides emergency preparedness information for individuals with access and functional needs. Available in Braille by request.

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### **SISTERHOOD SOCIAL ACTION**

Sisterhood offers many social action opportunities for you to get involved. There are one-time projects and opportunities to engage on a regular basis. Contact [Valerie Eisenstein](#) or [Signe Wetrogan](#).

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### **SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP- 301-770-7577**

As you plan your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or wedding, don't forget that... the Judaica Shop is also your one-stop shop for **personalized kippot** and **benchers**. There are many styles and price points available and generally at lower prices than available through online retail vendors!

Contact **Suzy Levy** (301-460-9636) for knowledgeable, personalized service.

### **SHOP HOURS**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Monday-Friday:** 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Tuesday (all day):**10:00 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

For special appointments outside of normal business hours, contact Dottie (301-881-7115), Miriam (301-649-3770), or Debbie (301-963-0633).

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### **JOIN THE B'NAI ISRAEL FACEBOOK GROUP!**

This is a closed (private) group for members of B'nai Israel. [Click here](#) to join the group.

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