



March 2019

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## ONE SCHOOL. ONE STAFF.

REGISTRATION for  
**SCHILIT NURSERY SCHOOL and  
CAMP KATAN 2019-2020**  
is **NOW OPEN**

### [Schilit Nursery School](#)

- NEW! Full day and half day, In-house Integrated Programs with B'nai Israel Staff
- Flexible Scheduling Options
- Ages young 2s through Pre-K

### [Camp Katan June 17-August 23](#)

- Half & Full Day Program
- August After Camp
- Reduced Tuition

[Karen Gerton](#), Early Childhood Director

[Nancy Goldberg](#), Schilit Nursery School Assistant Director

Schilit Nursery School Office 301-816-5578



## WORSHIP

### SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

**God Undefined: Experiencing the Divine Presence**  
with Rabbi Eliezer Diamond  
Friday-Sunday, March 15-17

Friday, March 15

5:45 PM Wine & Cheese Reception

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

8:15 PM Learning Session: Preparing to Pray

Saturday, March 16

11:00 AM Sermon by Rabbi Diamond

12:30 PM Lunch & Learn: Images of God in Our Liturgy and in Our Mind

Sunday, March 17

9:00 AM Shacharit with Kavanah (intentionality) led by Rabbi Diamond

10:00 AM Learning Session: Performative Prayer

[Click here](#) for more information.

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## SHABBAT WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

**Friday, March 15**  
5:45 PM  
Margolius Atrium

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## PURIM CELEBRATIONS

### **Wednesday, March 20**

4:45 PM Purim Carnival Round 1 (Preschool-aged Children)  
6:00 PM Purim Carnival Closes for Purim Tots' Program and Youth Megillah Reading  
7:00 PM Purim Carnival Round 2 (School-aged Children)  
8:00 PM Traditional *Megillah* Reading

If you would like to **volunteer** at the carnival, contact Sarah Jarvis. If you have a child with special needs and would like a “**buddy**” at the carnival, contact Moshe Ben-Lev. To **read *Megillah*** in the traditional service or in a youth service, contact Cantor Wolpert. To **read *Megillah*** in the youth service, contact Rabbi Penina Alexander.

### **Thursday, March 21**

7:15 AM Morning *Minyan* & Traditional *Megillah* Reading  
6:30 PM Purim Seudah (Festive Meal) Hosted by Our Men's Club & Sisterhood  
Enjoy a pizza party, beer, and wine for dinner, followed by a hilarious presentation by Cantor Josh, featuring the comedy of the Three Stooges! RSVP to [Wayne Berman](#).

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## PURIM SPIEL

### **Sunday, March 24**

11:30 AM–12:15 PM  
It's Purim—come join us, perform in our spiel,  
A new Disney© mash-up for all ages appeal.  
With so many parts for you to explore,  
There's a king, two queens, and so many more.  
No worries your script can be in your hand,  
When singing aloud in this far away land.  
We also need artists to design and to paint,  
Parts of a castle including the gate.  
Should actors not have any costumes to wear,  
Perhaps they can borrow if you're willing to share.  
So that kids can enjoy and take part in this play,  
This year it's on Sunday right here at B'nai.

To participate, contact [Stefanie Juster](#).

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## CLEAR OUT YOUR HAMETZ POTLUCK DINNER

**Friday, April 12**  
6:15 PM  
[Click here](#) to register.

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## ShMA (Shabbat Morning Alternative Session) SPECIAL PASSOVER PROGRAM

### **The Lamb and the Lamborghini with Daniel Ratner**

Saturday, April 13  
10:15 AM–11:00 AM  
Come hear motivational speaker Daniel Ratner speak about deeper meaning of Passover and ways to make your Seder an amazing experience. [Click here](#) to preview the Deeper Meaning of Passover with

Daniel Ratner video. [Click here](#) to register.

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## PASSOVER AT B'NAI ISRAEL

**Friday evening, April 19-Saturday evening, April 27.**

Click on the links below for the following information:

[The Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide](#)

[Mekhirat Hametz-Selling of Hametz](#)

[B'dikat Hametz-The Search for Hametz, and Bi'ur Hametz-Burning Hametz](#)

[Siyum Bekhorim-Siyum for the First-Born](#)

[Click here](#) for Passover Service Times.

[Click here](#) for Sisterhood Passover Flower orders.

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## EPIC SHABBAT: STAR WARS SHABBAT

**“May the Fourth Be With You”**

Saturday, May 4

Jump to hyperspace and visit the planets of Star Wars. Visit the cantina for a brunch that is out of this world. Find your pilot to take you on your secret mission.

10:00 AM Brunch with Jewish Jedi Master Training to follow.

[Click here](#) to register.

## ADULT EDUCATION



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## LUNCH AND LEARN: TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI JONATHAN A. SCHNITZER

**Monday, April 1 and the first Monday of all other months**

12:30–1:30 PM

Newcomers are warmly welcome. [Click here](#) for details.

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## LEADERSHIP CRISES OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS CONTINUED, PART II WITH STEVE KERBEL

**Wednesdays, April 3- May 29 (No class May 22.)**

10:00-11:30 AM

B'nai Israel Congregation

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

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## HAZAK: ACTIVE SENIORS

**From Clerking on the Israeli Supreme Court to Trying Cases on the U.S. Supreme Court to Advance Civil & Human Rights for the Jewish People**

with Alyza Lewin

Thursday, April 11

12:00 PM Brown Bag Dairy Lunch

12:30 PM Program

In November 2014, Ms. Lewin argued *Zivotofsky v. Kerry* before the U.S. Supreme Court, which involved the constitutionality of a law granting any American citizen born in Jerusalem the right to list “Israel” as the place of birth on his/her U.S. passport.

This program is free of charge, but reservations are requested to [Susan](#) (301-816-5577).

HAZAK is for individuals 55 or older who want to share in interesting experiences. These events are

free of charge. It is never too late to make new friends!

[Click here](#) for more information.

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## **JEWES & BREWS WITH CANTOR JOSH PERLMAN**

**Thursday, April 11**

7:30 PM at Lakewood Country Club

Have a drink with friends and engage in a conversation about Jewish values and issues of interest.

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## **SHORT STORIES OF S. Y. AGNON WITH CANTOR ILANA WOLPERT & RABBI MITCHELL BERKOWITZ**

**Sunday, May 5 and continuing for 2 more Sundays**

10:00–11:15 AM

The great Israeli author, S. Y. Agnon, was a master of short stories. Learn about his birthplace, Buczacz, through the study of his posthumously published work, *A City in Its Fullness*. [Click here](#) to register.

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## **SHABBAT AFTERNOON TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI MITCHELL BERKOWITZ**

**Shabbat afternoons, 4:30–5:45 PM**

Blumberg-Zalis Family Library at B'nai Israel

[Click here](#) for details. Contact Rabbi Berkowitz with questions.

# EVENTS & PROGRAMS



## **SISTERHOOD EVENTS**

### **Chicks Who Stitch**

Sunday, March 17

Sunday, April 14

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Bring your favorite knitting, crocheting, or needlepoint and join other women to socialize. Contact [Harriet Levi](#) (301-598-3957).

### **Wine, Women & What's Nu: Jewish Women in the Arts**

Wednesday, April 3

7:30–9:00 PM

Annie Leibovitz, Judy Chicago, Charlotte Salomon, Nelly Sachs, Barbra Streisand, Carole King...how many Jewish women artists can you name? These women are widely known, but the list goes on and on! Cantor Ilana Wolpert, a great lover of all the arts, will explore the lives of Jewish women who pursued their artistic urge and discuss the different paths they took to express themselves Jewishly through their talents. RSVP to [Deedee Jacobsohn](#) (301-230-1774).

### **Passover Flowers**

\$54 for local delivery

\$64 for out-of-area delivery

Orders are due by Tuesday, April 9.

[Click here](#) for the order form.

### **Sisterhood Plays Bingo with Residents of the Hebrew Home**

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 AM

April 2 – Wasserman Building

April 16 – Smith/Kogod Building

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

### **The Women of the Exodus: Slaves, Masters, and Rebels**

Wednesday, April 10

10:30-11:30 AM

What does Jewish tradition say about the role of women in the Pesah story? Rabbi Penina Alexander

will lead a lively and informative discussion. You will come away with something fascinating to add to your Pesah seder. A light lunch will be served following the presentation. RSVP by April 1 to [Julianne Goldman](#).

### **Model Seder for Residents at Brookdale Senior Living Facility**

Tuesday, April 16

1:00–3:00 PM

Join B'nai Israel clergy in hosting the residents at the Brookdale Senior Living Facility (11215 Seven Locks Rd, Potomac, MD 20854) with a model seder. Volunteers are needed from 1:00–2:00 PM to assist with set up and from 2:00–3:00 PM with the model seder. For more information and to volunteer, contact [Esther Teller](#).

### **Pesah Bistro**

Tuesday, April 23

5:45 PM – Children's activities

6:15 PM - Dinner

Join your friends on the last night of *Hol HaMoed Pesah*. There will be activities for younger children before dinner. [Click here](#) to register.

### **Drop-In Mah Jongg**

Monday mornings, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact [Lynn Rayman](#) (301-460-0207).

### **Washington Jewish Week**

To renew or start a subscription, contact [Linda Reisner](#) (301-519-1776).

For more information about Sisterhood and upcoming programs, [click here](#).

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## **MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

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

Sunday, March 17

10:30 AM

This small group conversation enables men to give their perspectives on interesting, contemporary, and personal topics.

### **Breakfast & Speaker: "The Israeli Elections Through American Jewish Eyes" with Alan Ronkin**

Sunday, March 24

9:45 AM

Our featured speaker, Alan Ronkin, Regional Director of the AJC will discuss how the politics of Israel affects and impacts Jewish conversation in the United States. Cosponsored with Sisterhood.

### **Board Meeting**

Sunday, April 7

10:00 AM

Our Board Meetings are open to all and we welcome you to join us to help guide the programs of the Men's Club.

### **Jews and Brews with Cantor Josh Perlman**

Thursday, April 11

7:30 PM

Join us at Lakewood Country Club for some appetizers, beer and/or wine, friendship, and a thoughtful discussion. Please RSVP to [Wayne Berman](#).

### **CPR Training**

Sunday, April 14

10:00 AM

Learning CPR is important. This training session is open to all B'nai Israel members and is led by Jay Gruber. Because of the nature of the event, this event is limited to 15 people. Please RSVP to [Wayne Berman](#).

### **Spring Softball League**

Practices are beginning, so it is time to join you friends and participate on our terrific softball team. The season runs from early-April to mid-July. The cost is \$30–\$40 a player. If interested, please contact [Jonathan Salant](#) or [Scott Hodes](#).

For more information on Men's Club, please visit our website at [www.bnaiisraelcong.org/mensclub](http://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/mensclub).

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## SOCIAL ACTION

### **Manna Food Center**

Sunday March 24  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Meet B'nai Israel members at the Manna Food Warehouse (9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg) to help pack food boxes that will be distributed to needy individuals in our community. This is a great family activity and volunteers are always needed. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. For questions or to volunteer, contact [Andrea Nadelman](#) (301-455-5934).

### **Good Deeds Day**

Manna Food Warehouse Project  
Sunday, April 7  
10:00 AM

[Click here](#) to register.

### **Project Hope: Passover Basket Delivery**

Sunday, April 14  
9:15 AM–1:00 PM

Deliver Pesah packages to senior residents in the Rockville and Leisure World areas. Meet in the morning in the B'nai Israel parking lot to receive your delivery details and instructions. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family to do a mitzvah together! For more information or to participate, contact [Signe Wetrogan](#) (301-384-2994).

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## BLUMBERG-ZALIS FAMILY LIBRARY

### **Rabbi Matthew Simon's Spring Book Review**

Sunday, March 31  
10:00–11:00 AM

[Click here](#) for details.

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

*Foreign Letters*  
Monday, April 8

7:30 PM

[Click here](#) for details.

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

Sunday, April 28  
10:00–11:00 AM

[Click here](#) for details.

If you are looking for our online catalogue, music, movies, or library hours [click here](#). For more information about library programs, [click here](#).

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## YOUTH DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### **BONIM**

#### **Planting & Decorating: Spring has Sprung!**

Sunday, April 14  
12:15–2:30 PM

Come and make something beautiful for the world with all your Bonim friends.

### **MACHAR**

#### **Trip to Adventure Park USA**

Sunday, April 14  
12:15–3:30 PM

### **KADIMA**

#### **Gadna**

Sunday, March 31  
12:30–2:30 PM

Come out and learn about being an Israeli soldier for the day!

### **Master Chef: Pesach Dessert Edition**

Sunday, April 21  
12:30–2:30 PM

Compete with friends to serve the tastiest Pesah treats

## TEENS & USY

### Teen Minyan

Saturday, April 27

10:30 AM

Join us! [Click here](#) to register for youth groups! Questions? Contact [Sarah Jarvis](#), Director of Youth Engagement (240-221-2515).

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

### Sunday, May 5

1:00-5:00 PM

B'nai Israel Congregation

[Click here](#) for more information.

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## THE MUSIC OF ISRAEL: YOM HAATZMAUT CANTORS CONCERT

### Thursday, May 9

7:00 PM

Join local hazzanim from the Cantors Assembly Seaboard Region and the Machaya Klezmer Band to enjoy the music of Israel during a Yom HaAtzmaut celebration.

\$18/adult (ages 13 and older)

\$12/child (ages 2–12)

Children under age 2 are free of charge.

\$150 Sponsorship (includes 4 tickets and name listing in program)

Questions? Contact [Allison](#) (240-221-2507). [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.



## SISTERHOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Jewish Group Homes

**Jewish Council on Aging (JCA) Interages Programs- Fall Opportunities for Volunteers Age 50+**

### Meals on Wheels

[Click here](#) for more information.



## SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP 301-770-7577

Passover is almost here! Have you forgotten anything? Don't worry, your B'nai Israel Judaica Shop has many items to help with your *Seder* from *Haggadot*, *Seder Plates*, *Miriam Cups*, *Elijah Cups*, *Matzah Holders*, *Afikoman Bags*, *Charoset Dishes*, *Serving Pieces* and more. For clean-up we even have Passover drying mats and table crumb removers. Come on in and visit with the friendly volunteers who will make your shopping experience fun and easy. We take all major credit cards along with checks and cash!

Don't forget to call Suzy Levy( 301-460-9636) for all your kippot and bencher needs.

For shop hours and more information, [click here](#). For a special appointment outside of normal business hours, call 301-770-7577.

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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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### **ARE YOU RECEIVING DUPLICATE EMAILS FROM B'NAI ISRAEL?**

If so, please let us know so that we can update our database.  
[Click here](#) to send us an email to have this corrected.