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By popular demand, we present our 3rd annual *mishloach manot* gift box sale.

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February 10 at 10am
Beth Robbins and Dina Esterowitz

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Rabbi's Column

by Rabbi Ari Goldstein



Once, Rabbi I s r a e l Salanter, the founder of the Musar movement, was asked: "In an age rife with religious violence, what is our essen-

tial spiritual task?" He replied, "Too often, religious people are concerned with their own bodies and other people's souls. In truth, we should be concerned with our own souls and other people's bodies."

To feed those who are hungry, to clothe those who are naked, to bring medicine and supplies to areas of the world without help and hope – these are the central *mitzvot* of our generation. We live in a broken world. Sometimes it is hard enough to make our own ends meet. Still, it is not enough to simply ensure that our own personal lives are settled peacefully. We must also work to create peace for others. Individuals and communities who do not look beyond themselves are spiritually isolated. Progress is marked by compassionate action and heightened humility.

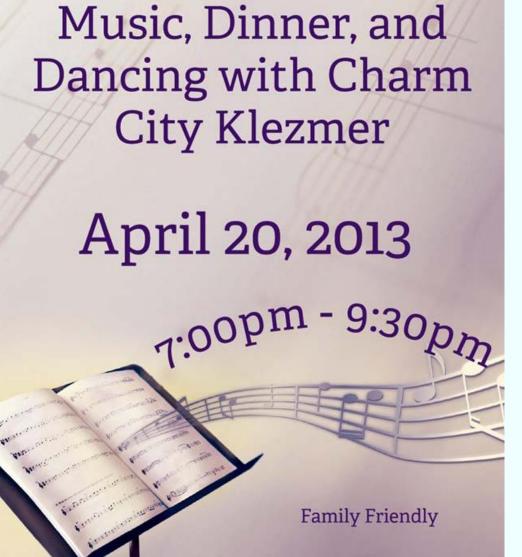
And so, I look back with deep pride to the last week of 2012 in which our congregation hosted over two dozen guests in need of shelter from the cold weather. The final week of 2012 was marked not with champagne and fireworks, but with dedication and commitment. More than 150 people from Temple Beth Shalom cooked and schlepped

and slept and served, all with the purpose of helping those less fortunate and making the world a better place.

For a single week, our congregation took to heart the words we read every year on *Yom Kippur* morning. You know what the prophet Isaiah exhorts. He says, "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to share your bread with the hungry and to bring the homeless into your house?" (Isaiah 58:5-7)

And what makes me even more proud is the fact that we didn't merely see our individual jobs as the totality of our responsibility. Instead, so regularly I observed our members taking the time to talk with our guests and get to know them. Just because people are homeless, it does not mean that they are nameless and faceless.

Earlier this summer, Annapolis Mayor Josh Cohen reached out to me, asking if we could help him by participating in this project. When I brought the idea to the Social Action Committee, the members took on this very important and demanding task. (I greatly appreciate the extraordinary efforts of the committee.) At first, the committee and I agreed to this project because we knew how important our efforts would be for our greater community. What we didn't realize was that, after seeing the glowing faces of people given the opportunity to contribute and after hearing their stories of fulfillment and joy, we were not the ones giving a gift to our greater community. We were the ones receiving a gift. The gift of contributing.





President's Column

It's Adar, Be Happy!

The Hebrew month of Adar is upon us. Many consider Adar to be the happiest month of the Hebrew calendar, mainly because the holiday of Purim commemorates a time when the people of Persia were saved from extermination. The word purim means lots and refers to the lottery that Haman used to choose the date for the massacre. This year the Purim holiday falls on Sunday, February 24.

Mishloach manot, sending food gifts to friends and family, is one of the four *mitzvot* performed on *Purim*. It is a heartfelt way to emphasize the Jewish unity that lies at the core of the Purim holiday and create meaningful connections within our community at the same time. Through our Mishloach Manot project you can participate in the giving of gift box to your friends, family, and fellow congregants.

Why Mishloach manot? Since the Purim salvation came as a result of a unified effort of the entire Jewish nation, on Purim Jews perform mitzvot that foster unity and friendship. On Purim day, we offer mishloach manot, a gift of hamantashen and assorted goodies, to friends. We also perform the Purim mitzvot of matanot l'evyonim, giving charity to at least 2 people in need, listening to reading of the megilla, the Purim story, and eating and drinking a festive holiday

meal. It's a mitzvah, it is great fun, and with Temple Beth Shalom's Misloach Manot it is easier than ever!

Here's how it works: For just \$5 per recipient you can participate in offering a beautiful gift box to anyone on our membership list, early childhood program, or staff. Every household on the list will receive one gift package along with a *Purim* card that lists all the people who participated in their box. For example, if you are sent a *mishloach manot* package from more than one individual, you will still only receive one gift box; all those people who sent you the mishloach manot will be listed on the card. This is a great way to let a friend, classmate, committee member, or teacher know that you are thinking of him or her on this holiday.

Please be generous: Giving gift boxes at \$5 a piece is an inexpensive way to let someone know you care and are thinking of him or her. You are also fulfilling the mitzvah of giving tzedaka as this has become a successful fundraiser for Temple Beth Shalom. You should have received an e-mail with instructions on purchasing these gift boxes online. If you did not receive an email please contact the temple office to receive your code to go online to purchase the mishloach manot. Most importantly, please remember to pick up your gift boxes on Sunday, February 24, at the temple before noon or any day that following week at the temple office!

Coming up very soon is the annual Temple Beth Shalom Gala to be held on March 9 at the temple. This year promises to be a fun event filled with live music, dancing, silent and live auctions, and delicious food. "Come Cruise With Us," your invitation is in the mail and tickets are on

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Shalom notes with sadness the death of:

Frieda Kellerman

Mother of Shelley Pollero 12/17/2012 4 Tevet 5773

Irene Klipper Greenberg Grandmother of Keri Ball 1/17/2013 6 Shevat 5773

sale now. We are pleased to honor our congregants Neil Schechter and Marjorie Corwin. Neil and Marjorie are longtime members of Temple Beth Shalom and volunteer selflessly of their time and efforts. We congratulate them on this distinguished honor.

What better way to celebrate than by giving mishloach manot during Purim and partying with wonderful food, music, and dance at the upcoming gala. I look forward to seeing you at one of our great events in the busy upcoming calendar.

Jewish Singles 50 and Over

This group is open to single, widowed or divorced unattached Jewish men and women ages 50 and over. Temple membership is not required. For more information and to receive evites to our events, please contact Shelley Pollero at 410-647-9492, or via email at rkpollero@comcast.net.

Last Chance to sign up!

5th Biennial Israel Trip

June 15 to June 30, 2013



Social Action

Temple Beth Shalom's first annual Winter Relief Program was a huge success. As the week progressed it became clear that we had so many people contribute in so many meaningful ways that it would be impossible to thank each and everyone of you. It was truly a congregation—wide effort. So to all of you who stepped up by providing food, time, money, supplies, support, and fellowship: thank you! toda raba!

Overall, approximately 160 temple members volunteered for over 890 hours. Wow. What this meant to each of us is different: an event where we performed charitable acts and lived our Jewish values, a time when we made new friends both at the temple and in the community, a chance to spend time with your own family members.

Part of me feels conflicted calling the program a success. I say this because, to me, the word success implies that our job is done and that we can pat ourselves on the back and return to our normal lives. Unfortunately, the truth is that the larger structural causes of homelessness still remain in our society. Moving forward we should be able to both celebrate the fact that we contributed an immense tangible benefit to the community, all the while re-

maining humble and aware that there are members of our community who do not have a place to sleep. We certainly did take action in integrating Jewish social values into our lives and expressing the value of *tikkun olam*.

If we are able to carry this action forward in how we think about ourselves as a congregation, now that will be a success! The Social Action Committee looks forward to sharing this journey with you.



From December 24 through 31, Temple Beth Shalom participated in a Winter Relief program to provide food and shelter to the county's homeless. Our synagogue was the host for 25 fellow citizens, providing meals, warm clothing, bedding, laundry and mending, transportation, computer assistance for job searching, and access to dental and medical services. Some of our guests attended our *Shabbat* service, a baby naming, and an *oneg Shabbat*. Perhaps most meaningful, our congregants provided fellowship, spending many hours speaking with our guests.

The project, organized by the Social Action Committee with the continued support of the Arundel House of Hope, depended upon the efforts of 157 volunteers of all ages from the congregation and nonmember Jewish families, who logged nearly 1,000 hours during the week-long project. Many congregants brought their families and regarded Winter Relief as an opportunity to demonstrate for their children the meaning of Isaiah's instruction (58:7) "It is to share your bread with the hungry, and to take the wretched poor into your home, when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to ignore your own kin."

The guests were extremely appreciative of all the effort and particularly of the human interaction. As one man commented, "Thank you so much for helping people and doing God's will. Please continue to help people because a lot of them are hurting."

On behalf of our guests, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every volunteer in our Winter Relief Project. You have truly made a difference in the lives of 25 people.

On a personal note, I would like to add how meaningful and personally rewarding it was for me to continue my work with the homeless within the walls of my own synagogue and to have the opportunity to meet and work with so many caring fellow temple members.

Jodi Meisenberg
Site coordinator for the Winter relief Program



Ellis Island



Ma Nishma...

Director of Education

On January 13, our Sunday students all became immigrants for the day. With many months of planning and lesson plans put into place in our classrooms, our students dressed up as immigrants. Many of them researched their ancestors who came to Ellis Island from other countries. Actual legal

people acted as legal inspectors, medical people as medical inspectors, and actual bankers as the bankers. In addition to our train ticket agents, the most believable judge anyone could imagine swore the students in as American citizens. Our security guards really stepped up to the plate and it was truly

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an amazing morning. The students were dressed in 1910 clothing with their suitcases ready to start a new life in the new country. Thank you to everyone who helped make our immigration time come to life!

Margie Corwin and Neil Schechter honored at the year's gala

We asked journalist Iris Krasnow, a longtime temple member, to interview Neil Schechter and Margie Corwin, this year's husband and wife honorees for the upcoming Temple Beth Shalom Gala 2013. The former president of Temple Beth Shalom and chair of the committees that got both the school and sanctuary buildings built, Neil also teaches in the Religious School. Margie's deep involvement with the temple includes serving on the Capital Campaign Committee, chairing the Groundbreaking Committee, and serving as Youth Group advisor when their son, Max, was president of the group in 2009-10. Max is now a junior at Cornell University and their daughter Julia is studying for a PhD in Clinical Psychology at Emory University. Below, Neil and Margie each reflect on the meaning of the temple community, and of Judaism, on their lives.

Margie, Julia, Max and I moved to Severna Park in 1996 from Owings Mills. I was apprehensive about joining Temple Beth Shalom since I grew up at a Conservative synagogue and, when we lived in Owings Mills, we belonged to a large Conservative synagogue as well.

We were sure we had made the right decision about 18 months later, during Julia's bat mitzvah. When our family and friends arrived for Shabbat services on Saturday morning, they did not know what to make of the 12 portable building units sitting on exposed block foundations next to the

old sanctuary. Those building units had rolled onto the temple campus a few days before and exposed wires and cables and pipes were sticking out everywhere. Temple Beth Shalom certainly did not look like their synagogues.

But at the end of that wonderful morning, we had all shared the warm, caring Jewish community and genuine spirituality that exists at temple, and some guests even commented that they wished they could find the same feeling at their own congregations. I am always reminded of our congregation's warmth and of those comments made by our guests when Ari makes the statement at services on Friday night that we are a *k'hilla k'dushah* (a holy community).

In Owings Mills we had not been active in our synagogue and I was surprised when Beth Plavner asked me to serve on the New Building Committee just after the High Holidays in 1996. I soon realized that in our small congregation everyone was needed and had an opportunity to contribute, and I was happy to play a role in building the temple community.

The Building committee, which I eventually chaired, went on to build the current school buildings and the sanctuary. I also served on the Board of Trustees for a number of terms and as president during our first rabbinic transition, when our pulpit was held by interim rabbis.

It's only by accident that I started teaching at Temple Beth Shalom. When our transition rabbi, Joe Forman, was interviewing for his next pulpit, he asked me to share his teaching duties of the confirmation class. A short, temporary teaching relationship became permanent



Temple Beth Shalom has been the center of community for our family since 1996, when we moved to Severna Park. We relocated from Owings Mills where we were members at a very large Conservative synagogue. In all honesty, other than drop off and pick up for Hebrew school, I attended only two times a year for the High Holidays. I was not particularly comfortable there and it was easy to hide.

It was not easy to hide at Temple Beth Shalom. Immediately upon our arrival, I realized that temple requires members to pitch in and to be involved. The best news was, and is, that the people were (and are) wonderful. It is a diverse group but each person is real.

We have made very dear and important friends at temple.

Julia's bat mitzvah was held in the old sanctuary with the vaulted ceiling (the one that ultimately succumbed to heavy snow). It was the first time both my parents coming from Minnesota and Neil's parents coming from Arizona saw Temple Beth Shalom. I think the appearance of the place was a bit of a shock but the friendliness of our community they experienced won them over.

Temple Beth Shalom is the only Hebrew school and synagogue that Max has known. His *bar mitzvah* was early in Rabbi Goldstein's tenure and it was the first one at the temple led by Student Cantor Arik Luck. I cherish the friendships we have made at temple. These individuals I have come to love are some of the best people I have ever known: loving, smart, interesting, fun, like-minded, good hearted. I hold some of you as my closest friends and the center of my life in Maryland.

Our connection to temple was made much stronger through our relationships with many wonderful student cantors, including Arik Luck, Josh Breitzer, and Ross Wolman. We were able to open our home to them and they opened their lives to us. The music in the house was, of course, amazing.

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and eventually led to sharing the responsibility with Ari Goldstein when he joined temple. This year I am teaching the *Torah* to the 8th grade using the clever new *You Tube* videos found on the web at www.G-dcast.com.

Two things have motivated me to continue teaching at temple. I had a great experience in Hebrew School and I would like to pass some of that positive experience on to the students. I grew up at Adas Israel Congregation in DC. It is large Conservative shul and has all of the resources you could want in a Jewish institution. I enjoyed learning Jewish texts and Hebrew language from great Israeli teachers who happened to be living in DC while their spouses worked at the Israeli embassy.

Love of Israel is the other motivation. In 1970, I received a scholar-ship from Adas Israel to travel to Israel for the summer on a Zionist Organization of America trip. Israel was still a pioneering state and was enjoying the after-glow of the positive consequences of the Six Day War. For me being Jewish became about living in a Jewish culture. The iconic symbol of this idea were the Israeli bus drivers, with numbers tattooed on their arms, who watched out like hawks for the safety of the children on their buses and, at the same time, talked about things like "the valley on the left where David fought Goliath" or "the mountain on the right where Elijah slew the prophets of baal".

Israel was a great place to be for a 15 year old and the things I saw and did changed my life. I did not become more religiously observant, but I felt very comfortable with the average Israeli's approach to Judaism. That approach made a great deal of sense to me and still does. It is Zionism at its best. I think it is also Reform Judaism at its best. I try to convey that feeling to my students. My commitment to teaching and to Jewish practices grows out of the feeling that Jews need to be more familiar and comfortable with our religion and its philosophy and culture and to enjoy participating in its customs.

During the summer after Julia's *bat mitzvah*, our family traveled to Israel, and once again the country had a huge effect on me. Since that trip, I began to refresh and improve my Hebrew language skills and started to return to Israel at least once every year, often accompanied by Margie or one of our children.

Initially my trips to Israel were vacations, but recently they have become opportunities for study and for business. Each of the last nine years I have studied Jewish texts and Hebrew at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem for two weeks during July. This year might set a personal record for me on visits to Israel. Having just returned from a trip there, I will go again in April as a member of Governor O'Malley's Maryland Trade Mission to Israel and Jordan. Then in July, I plan to compete in the Maccabiah (the Jewish Olympics) as a member of the U.S. Maccabi Masters Tennis Team.

I must admit that I have thought about making *aliyah* a number of times. But between the warm Jewish community here and my continued exploration and growth in Israel, I have the best of both worlds.

We cannot say enough about our rabbis, Ari and Hanna, and their four children. It has been a joy to watch the family grow and mature. We have spent many wonderful hours together. Neil always finds an intriguing event, Hebrew movie, lecture by an Israeli notable, and it gives us a chance to share time with Ari and Hanna. And we make excuses, boat rides, beach outings, to get together with the whole family, including Sela, Nava, Sammy, and Juda. I think Neil looks on the Goldstein kids as the grandchildren he does not yet have. We are so honored that Ari will officiate at Julia's wedding this summer.

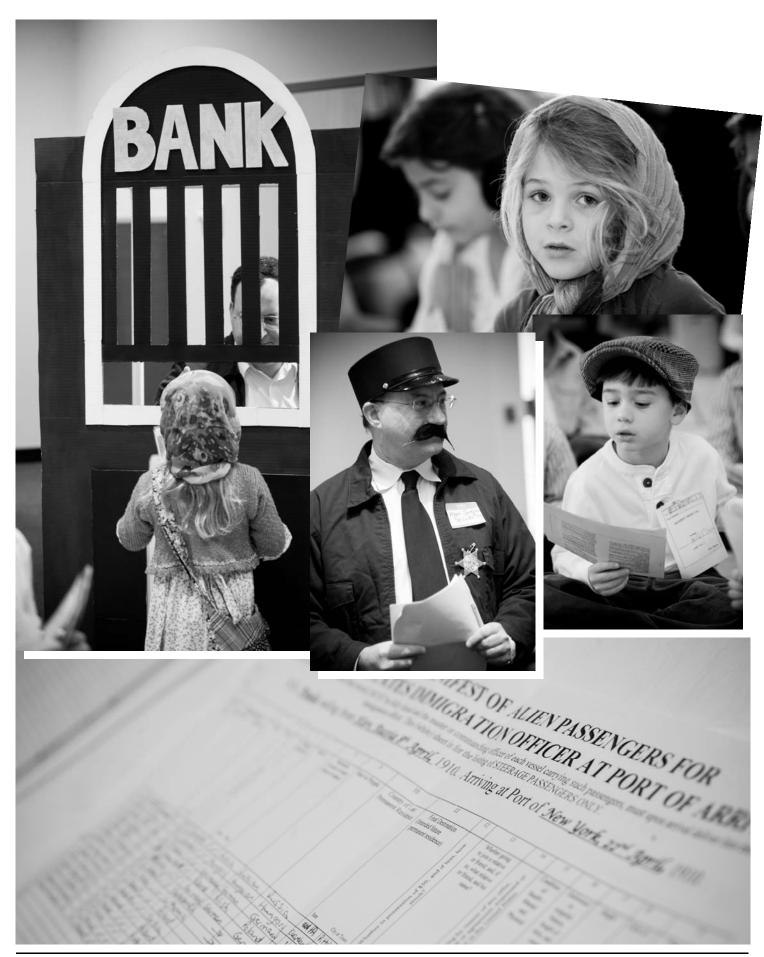
While I am not a traditional religious person, I am spiritual and the rabbi has helped me be more comfortable at services. As Max says, sometimes it takes a push to get me to Friday night services, but I am always happy I went. I am most moved by the music, there is something special about singing *Lecha Dodi* with our temple community and turning together toward the entrance, a tradition Rabbi Goldstein brought to us.

I grew up as a Reform Jew in the 1960s in Minnesota. The Reform movement was different then. There was almost no Hebrew in the prayer book, no one became *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, religious education was limited. Temple Israel was very large, about 2,000 families, not because there were lots of Jews in Minneapolis but because it was for all intents and purposes the only Reform temple in the metropolitan area.

My parents, who were born in Minneapolis, had been members their entire lives. Both sets of my grandparents were members of Temple Israel, too. It was a long family tradition. Even so, we were not particularly active in any Jewish life activities. We lived 40 minutes away from Temple Israel so weekly attendance at Sunday School was a burden. That said, these weekly events were really my only Jewish experience. I went to a school with very few Jews and my family was the only Jewish family in my neighborhood (which was basically lots of corn fields). I actually did not publicize my religion, Minneapolis was not necessarily welcoming for Jews at the time.

Growing up, I had never gone to a Friday night service. I had never slowed down on Friday night. We now light *Shabbat* candles and we say the prayers and we open a bottle of wine, and we slow down.

That deepening of my Judaism happened right here.



The art of a simple hand massage can benefit one's mood and health. What a nice skill to have when visiting someone who is feeling down or ill and such a treat to a family member or friend. The *Hineni* Committee invites you to learn this helpful technique from temple member Paul Schatzberg, trained in teaching this skill. Please join us this month for a warm evening of a wine & cheese schmooze and a fun informative class.

Date: Thursday, February 28

Time: 7pm to 9pm Cost: FREE!

RSVP: Jill Simon at MissJill@Lycos.com or the temple at templebethshalom@comcast.net

Paul Schatzberg received massage training at the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, CA, and at several locations in the Maryland area. He has given a number of hand massage classes at the Annapolis Senior Activity Center and elsewhere. Hand massage can be particularly comforting and relaxing during recovery from illness or surgery and during mourning. The process reduces stress and may lower blood pressure. Most important, hand massage can provide non-verbal comfort when it is most needed. Hand massage can also help in calming a semi-hysterical teenager. Once people learn this simple method, it can be applied in many situations.



Noteworthy Nachas

who was recently named one of Capital Style's Women of the Year for her legendary and long-standing contributions to "a lengthy list of cultural, literary and educational boards on which she has served as a member or officer " in the Annapolis area. If you missed this impressive article in the

Capital newspaper, you can read it on line at http://www.capitalgazette.com/capital_style/capital-style-s-women-of-the-year/article_0c1b2ae0-af71-5e54-9160-f4e2e8135513.html. *Hineni* welcomes Anna as its newest committee member!

Mazel tov to Melissa Tillett and Michael Sanderson of Severna Park on the birth of their son, Ivan Thomas, on

January 7, weighing in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces! Congratulations is also due to big sister Mariella, a student in our 3s program!

Finally, *mazel tov* to member and board member Carl Simon, who recently became engaged to Kate Dailey of Rochester, New York. The wedding will be held in August in Canandaigua, New York, in the Finger Lake Region, where Kate's parents live.

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Mazel tov

Anna

You can go online today and sponsor a gift box for your temple friends. Go to templebeth-shalom.happypurim.com and enter the code that you received via email from the temple. The last day to order is Tuesday, February 19th.

Pick-up your box at the temple's *Purim* Carnival on Sunday, February 24, or at the temple office from February 25 to 27. If you are unable to pick up your box, please email tbs-office@comcast.net for a special delivery.

BSTY

Kelsey Weinman weinmanfamily@verizon.net Hannah Polster stem13polster@gaggle.net

It's never too late to join BSTY!

CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 1 & 2 NFTY Northern Sleepover hosted at

temple.

February 24 We need your help to staff the *Purim*

Carnival! This is the biggest youth group fundraiser of the year. Please come out to

support us.

March 15 to 17 NFTY "THE VENT" – Washington, DC

Contact Kelsey Weinman or Hannah Polster for more details.

February Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

Please confirm your participation in this mitzvah by contacting Doreen Noel at 410-757-0552 or templebethshalom@comcast.net.

February 1

David Benderson & Mythili Murthy Tyler & Adina Paulk

February 8

Michael & Ellen Berger Andrew & Melanie Berlin Orin & Marni Zwick

February 15

Louis & Laurie Berman William & Robin Beusse Alan & Rebecca Binstock

February 22

Family Service, 3rd grade

Judaica Shop

Hours during religious school: Sundays 9:30am - 11:30am Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8pm

February Cookbook Sale – 10% off Stop in to see our wide selection of *Purim* decorations, children's books and activities

For your *bar* or *bat mitzvah* needs, we have a nice selection of beautiful *tallitot*, *yarmulkas*, *yads*, gifts, and cards!

We also have religious items for *Shabbat* and all the holidays, *mezzuzot, tzedaka* boxes, Jewish-themed gifts, jewelry, decorative items, CDs, books, cookbooks, activities and games. There are gift items for everyone on your gift list! Gift certificates to the Judaica Shop are available!

We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover with a minimum \$15 purchase, and cash and checks are accepted for all purchases. There is no sales tax for items purchased at the Judaica Shop. assistance at other times, call Faye Weiss at 410-987-2379 or see Doreen in the temple office.

Men's Club

Value Judgments

I was completely set to write this month's article with a topic that means a great deal to me. However, I have more pressing issues that I feel need to be discussed. Apologizing in advance for a very serious tone, however, this article is coming straight from my heart.

The main thrust of this article is about human values. That is it. As my thoughts meander across my keyboard, the common thread as I see it, is the value systems that monitor and guide our behavior. Values may be our inherent guidance system, or more likely, our learned behaviors passed on from family members, significant others, and society as a whole. Hopefully, our values find a seamless mesh with the general population so that we can fully function as an interactive society.

For anyone confused at this point, do not feel alone. I am just as confused

myself. No, I am not writing my term paper for a sociology class. I am obviously still in a demoralized state after what happened to my beloved Redskins quarterback, RGIII.

I cannot possibly criticize coach Shanahan as he continued to play Robert Griffin the 3rd on only one leg after knowing full well that he was in a critically injured state, one level above being fully crippled. Who am I to judge? However, if a person's values are intact, and his or her belief system is sound, should he or she not be able to make coherent decisions that are in the individual's best interest? If you follow sports, you will continue to hear all the rhetoric to defend the athlete's point of view and why it is so important to "play the game" at all costs. Obviously, winning justifies possibly ending someone's career.

Judaism gives us comfort and direction in our lives. Judaism totally respects the value of each and every life;

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all life on earth is of extreme importance. Friends have told me they converted to Judaism just because of our value system. If we have a value blue-print to strengthen our decisions, we can better conduct ourselves in the modern world. The positive value system we pass on to our young people can help determine our society's future interactions.

Gun control, Enron's magical math, General Petraeus and his midnight rendezvous, brutality towards an Israeli girl fighting for equal rights, anything you read in tomorrow's paper. If our moral compass is true and consistent, we will carry through and be a person to be admired, a person who represented others in a dignified and respectful manner.

(next month: re-examining your financial portfolio vs. sorting your sock drawer)

Sisterhood

I have seen many good ideas in the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) emails I receive. I hope we can gather together in the Spring to discuss and work on some of these ideas. In the meantime, Sisterhood is scheduling happenings. In February, we will share a warm winter evening in a member's home. The Baltimore Jewish Film Festival will be held in March and April. We will check out the movies and have a movie and lunch at the Suburban House day.

Do you have any Sisterhood program ideas for 2012-2013 year or beyond? Do you know resources for events Sisterhood could connect to? I previously mentioned connecting with the Sisterhood board; however, I neglected to provide names, emails, and telephone numbers:

Sisterhood President Eve Secunda, evesgarden 1@yahoo.com, 410-721-1225. Call me anytime with ideas, questions, or to chat.

Vice President Lesley Kreimer, lkreimer@verizon.net. Lesley is our program chair this year. If you can be part of the program committee or help with one event, give Lesley a call. Lesley worked hard on our Welcome Brunch, and the recent theater night in Fells Point.

Vice President Jessica Opert, jessopert@aol.com, 410-798-6490. Jessica is our membership chair and takes care of the sale of gift cards. Jessica, Lisa Peri, and Pamela Shapiro open the Bagel Café every Sunday. Jessica and Lisa also did a great job of coordinating the Evening Under the Stars event.

Treasurer Louise Reiner, louise.reiner@verizon.net. Louise is establishing a budget for us. Once we know where we stand, we'll get together and decide how to allocate the money for donations, programs, etc.

Gift Shop Faye Weiss, faye_weiss@juno.com, 410-987-2379. Faye buys the beautiful items you see for sale. Faye, Shelley Pollero, and Jenny Hind are at the shop on Sundays and Wednesdays to help you.

Secretary Pamela Shapiro. Pamela takes minutes for us at our meetings so we can keep track of not only what is going on, but also what we are hoping to accomplish. Pamela is always there with new ideas and is always ready to help in any way she can.

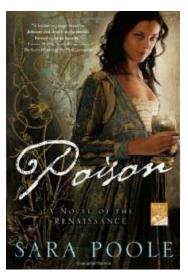
Past President Laurie Elinoff. Our Past President, Laurie Elinoff, has been active with Sisterhood for years and brings a wealth of ideas and insight. She is a resource for all of us. She currently coordinates our mahjongg games and our Book Club.

VOLUNTEERS FOR BAGEL CAFÉ

Lisa and Jessica are at the Bagel Café every Sunday. If you can give them a break one Sunday, that would be great. Give Jessica a call to let her know.

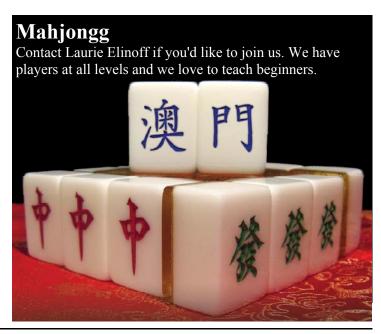
VOLUNTEERS FOR CATERING

Valerie Nichols and Debi Walker always do a wonderful job of putting out a delicious and beautiful spread for our *bar/bat mitzvah* families. If you can help out, even just once, either with set-up, serving, or clean-up, please give them a call. If you are willing to help, they can give you a call when dates are set up to see if it fits in your schedule.



Book Club *Poison* by Sara Poole

Thursday, February 28 7pm In the temple library



Rosh Chodesh



Rosh Chodesh is a unique temple group that meets monthly in a member's home. Women only! All Jewish women in the county are welcome. In January, we were honored to have a sophomore midshipman speak to us on what it is like to be Jewish and female in the U.S. Na-

val Academy. A true Annapolis event!

On February 19 at 7pm, Kim McCarl will talk to the *Rosh Chodesh* ladies about the Myers-Briggs tool to determine personalities and their natural preferences. This tool can help maximize relationships at work and home, communication techniques, job options, self devel-

opment, team building, understanding the human condition, and so much more! Please join us and email me to rsvp. Email me with questions about *Rosh Chodesh* and to join the *Rosh Chodesh* email list.

Would you like to learn (or become fluent in) conversational Hebrew?

Rabbi Hanna Yerushalmi will teach Hebrew 112 at Anne Arundel Community College in the spring semester. Go to www.aacc.edu to enroll. Familiarity with the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading are prerequisites.

Upcoming 5773 Adult Education Highlights

Destruction of Europe's Jews: Historical events, causes, and personal experiences

Paul Schatzberg. Registration requested. February 3, March 3, and March 10, all at 9:30am

Dr. Gary Zola (date to be announced)

Join the director of the American Jewish Archives and member of the President appointed U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad as he discusses the impact of American Jewish history in our current climate.



When is it an Emergency?

February 10 at 10am Beth Robbins and Dina Esterowitz



Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Joshua Zweiback

Emotional Honesty in Love and Marriage March 16 at 7pm Text study and music

Self Respect as the Key to Mutual Respect March 17 at 10am

Jewish Traditions of New Delhi

Come learn as Aviva, a fifth-year cantorial student at Hebrew Union College, teaches about Jewish traditions of New Delhi, including a thanksgiving ceremony exclusive to Bene Israel Jews from her homeland of India. Enjoy a special sweet Indian dish following services at the *oneg Shabbat*. April 19 at 8pm

Going through a difficult time or know someone who is?

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Lighting the Hanukkiah menorah

News from Aleph Bet

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Although the world outside was gray and wintry during January, inside our school it was Green. We were anticipating Tu B'Shvat, the birthday of trees, at the end of the month and maintaining our commitment to our Maryland Green School status. The hallway display case was filled with repurposed items, either purchased or home-made. The collection included purses made from candy wrappers and juice containers, vases and pencil holders crafted from bottles and coffee cans, a paint brush holder fashioned out of popsicle sticks, a quilt made of old t-shirts, and a breathtaking menora shaped from pieces of exotic scrap wood.

Our young scientists spent the month preparing for the Green Expo, this year's science fair. They explored the impact of acid rain on non-living materials, measured air pollution in various locations, compared the amount of water used in baths and showers, and tested different ways of removing oil from Bay water. On the 25th, parents and other guests toured the exhibits, chatted with the scientists, and were served nuts and fruits in honor of Tu B'Shvat. During a special Kabbalat Shabbat, parent-and-child teams created collage posters promoting good energy and environmental practices like turning off lights and not letting engines idle in the carpool line. The climax of the day was an accounting of the month's tzedaka, which was earmarked for the purchase of trees in Israel; we beat last year's total!

We ventured out a couple of times during the month. The second, third, and fourth graders spent a happy afternoon on the ice rink at Quiet Waters Park. Although only about a third of the students had skated before, by the end of the session everyone was skating independently and wanting to stay

longer. The first graders visited the Mitchell Gallery at St. John's College to view an exhibit of sculpture by David Hayes.

Our students aren't the only ones who are busy. Parent volunteers and trustees are also hard at work, preparing for our annual gala dinner/auction, planned for Sunday, April 21. The theme, reinforced by music, decorations, and food, will be An Evening in Paris. Among the early auction donations is a \$500 gift card for U.S. Airways, and many more terrific goods and services are expected. The event is not just for Aleph Bet families. It is intended as an evening when the area Jewish community can come together to enjoy good company, good food, and good fun. Call or email me for more information.

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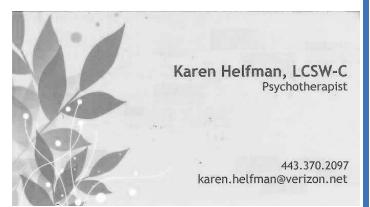
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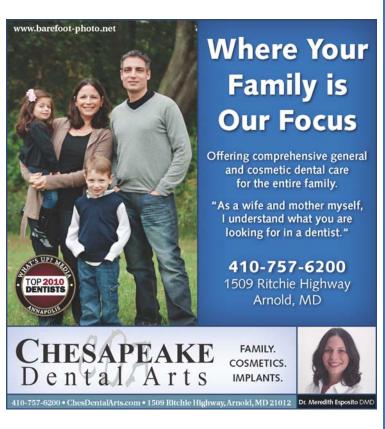
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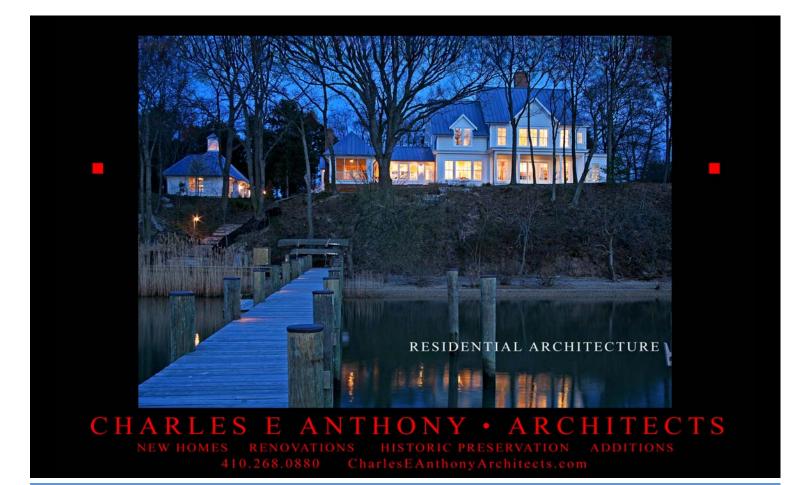


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3 Feb—Shevat 23 Makela rehearsal 9am Adult Ed: Jewish Partisans in the Polish Forest: Defiance by Nechama Tec 9:30am	4 Feb —Shevat 24 Rabbi's Book of Samuel Study 9:30am	5 Feb —Shevat 25 ECP committee meeting 9am	6 Feb —Shevat 26 Beginner Arabic Language 6pm Advanced Arabic Language 7pm	7 Feb—Shevat 27 Social Action committee 7pm	8 Feb—Shevat 28 Shabbat service 8pm	9 Feb—Shevat 29 Junior Congregation 9am ECP Parent Child dance 4:30pm
10 Feb—Shevat 30 Makela rehearsal 9am Adult Ed: When is it an Emergency? With Beth Robbins and Dina Esterowitz 10am	11 Feb—Adar 1 Rabbi's Book of Samuel Study 9:30am	12 Feb—Adar 2 Board meeting 7:30pm	13 Feb—Adar 3 ECP Early Dismissal Beginner Arabic Language 6pm Advanced Arabic Language 7pm Hineni meeting 7pm Religious School committee meeting 7:25pm	14 Feb—Adar 4	15 Feb—Adar 5 Shabbat service 8pm	16 Feb—Adar 6 Junior Congregation 9am
17 Feb—Adar 7 No Religious School	18 Feb—Adar 8 Presidents' Day No ECP Office closed	19 Feb—Adar 9 Rosh Chodesh 7pm	20 Feb—Adar 10 Beginner Arabic Language 6pm Advanced Arabic Language 7pm No Hebrew School (Teacher-In-Service)	21 Feb—Adar 11	22 Feb—Adar 12 Tot Shabbat 6pm Congregational Dinner 6:30pm Purim Costume Party 7pm Shabbat family service 7:30pm, grade 3 leading	23 Feb—Adar 13 Junior Congregation 9am Adult Purim Costume Party 7pm
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