Celebrate Chanukah!
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Homes full of light
Hearts full of memories
Smiles full of joy
Families full of love

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The custom of sponsoring a Kiddush is a wonderful way to share your joy and at the same time support Beth Israel.

You can honor a person, remember a loved one, or celebrate a simcha. Your sponsorship will appear in the Shabbat Program that week and in the following month’s issue of the Guide.

As a community we delight in each other’s simchas, and would be honored if you share yours with us. Contact Ann Friedman at 410-654-0800 x210 or afriedman@bethisrael-om.org.

**November Kiddush Sponsors & Contributors**

- Beth Israel Sisterhood
- Kari & Marc Schlossberg in honor of the Aufruf of Andrew Schlossberg & Rachel Ruder
- Debbie & Doug Hoffman in honor of Doug’s 60th birthday
- LT.C Scott Willens, Dana & Leonard Willens in honor of their son and grandson, Matthew Willens becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- Lisa & Michael Sandbank in honor of Delaney becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Sharon Kritt & Randi & Larry Waskow in honor of the Aufruf of their children Lindsay Waskow & Jordon Kritt
- Roz & Henry Foxman in honor of Roz’s 80th birthday
- Ellen & Chuck Donen in honor of Ellen’s “Special” Birthday
- Rabbi Jay & Cindy Goldstein & Family in honor of Ellen Donen’s “Special” Birthday

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**Reverse Service**

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**

Some of the most beautiful and inspiring liturgy of Shabbat morning takes place before many of us come to Synagogue.

So, on this special Shabbat, we will do things in reverse. Come to shul early for Musaf if you choose, then we will have our Torah service and conclude with Shacharit and a spirited, enhanced singing of some of the early morning service.

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**Enhance Your Shabbat Experience**

**with N & N**

**Niggunim & Namaste** or

**Nourishment for the Neurons**

**Saturday, December 15, 11am**

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**Do a Mitzvah! Be an Usher!**

Beth Israel is looking for ushers to greet and assist congregants during Shabbat and Holiday services. ALL are welcome to usher, men and women.

Info: Barry Goldschmidt, barrygoldschmidt@aol.com
On November 1st, Beth Israel’s Shleimut team presented a special program, Being Mortal: A Call for Conversation about What Matters at the End of Life. The evening combined a screening of the Frontline Documentary Being Mortal with a panel discussion featuring a rabbi, physician, and Gilchrist Jewish Advisory Board member and concluded with Attorney Susan Francis of the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service speaking about the value of an Advance Directive. I hope those who attended and others will be inspired to complete this important document.

While the modern Advance Directive can help our loved ones understand our wishes for medical care at the end of life, for hundreds of years Jews have been sharing their values and instructions for living meaningful Jewish lives by writing letters known as ethical wills. These letters were most often written by parents to children either when they were approaching the end of life or when they knew they would be separated from family for a long time. But do these types of communication need to be limited to these circumstances? Baltimore-born author Rabbi Elana Zaiman says no.

In her book The Forever Letter (Llewellyn Publications, 2017), Rabbi Zaiman encourages people of all ages and life stages to write letters sharing their values, wisdom and love with those nearest and dearest to them, whether they are their children, parents, siblings, cousins, friends etc. Rabbi Zaiman advocates incorporating into a forever letter essential elements of the ethical will such as “a desire to communicate what we believe to those we love; a sense of urgency...; a chance to share our personal experiences, histories and stories, to highlight our values, to forgive and ask for forgiveness... [and] to offer blessings...” (pp. 3-4), but broadening the set of both authors and recipients.

The Forever Letter offers step-by-step instructions and support for writing such a missive. The early chapters offer potential benefits and reasons for resistance of this letter writing as well as encouragement to explore what matters to you most. The later chapters provide guidance on the writing and editing processes including opportunities to use writing prompts to engage in the introspection needed to create such a genuine and substantive letter.

As the secular New Year and the time for New Years resolutions approaches, perhaps 2019 will be the year you prepare both an Advance Directive and a Forever Letter. Then your loved ones will know what is most important to you both during and after your lifetime.
Brotherhood

AJ Stolusky, President

The weather cooperated during the sukkah take-down. THANK YOU to Stuart, Jeff, Stu, Brion, Mark, Alan, Ira, Jeff, Seth, Larry, and Eddie for your help.

We hosted the Baltimore County Executive Community Forum where both candidates talked about their campaign platforms and responded to questions from the 100 + attendees. We heard a spirited exchange of ideas, opinions, and visions for Baltimore County. We received many positive comments and “thank yous” from attendees as well as the candidates, for hosting such an important event.

We look forward to seeing you at our programs and having you as a member of the Beth Israel Brotherhood. Membership is $60 for 1 year, $100 for 2 years, or $400 for a lifetime membership. Please feel free to contact me at bethisraelbrotherhood@yahoo.com.

• Sunday, December 9: Breakfast – Jews In the Navy (Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and The Civil War) with Harry Ezratty, Esq.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:30pm to create and decorate your own Mod Podge challah plate! All are welcome. Come at 7pm to nosh and schmooze!

In case you are not familiar, Mod Podge is a decoupage medium — an all-in-one glue, sealer and finish used to attach paper and fabric to various surfaces. We will decorate clear glass plates (10 in. diameter) to create beautiful serving plates using top-rack dishwasher-safe Mod Podge, pictures, and colorful tissue paper.

We will supply everything you need to make a beautiful Mod Podge decoupage challah plate. Bring a favorite photo to include in the decoration (photos 6 in. or less).

Please continue to participate in our Community Project, Gemilut Hasadam: Acts of Loving Kindness”. Do you knit? You can make scarves or hats. We are also collecting toys for children (all ages), adult grooming items, including toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs, hair brushes, and white tube socks. Our collections will be donated to the Jewish Volunteer Connection and included in JVC’s winter care packages. Please place your items in the bins that are in the bench located in the sanctuary lobby. Only new, unopened items, please.

I would like to personally thank Stuart Fine for stepping up to help with breakfast programs and congregational dinners. Todah Rabbah to Tami and Stuart Fine for their donations to Sisterhood.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 443-416-8104, or email pudgiekirsh@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Shabbat is March 9, so mark your calendars! And, it’s never too early to make a gift of tzedakah! Please send your check to the Administrative office.

Beth Israel Sisterhood Shabbat

My check is enclosed!

Name: __________________________

Amount of Tzedakah: __$18 __$25 __$36 __$50 __$100 __ $Other

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Beth Israel’s Book Club

Ellen Naftaniel

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RSVP by Monday, December 3. Your check is your reservation. Please make checks payable to: Beth Israel/Hazak. Mail checks to: Vera Kestenberg, 6350 Red Cedar Place, Unit 401, Baltimore, MD 21209.

For more information, please call Gloria Friedman, 410-318-8009, or Harriet Shapiro, 410-358-2711.

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Details coming soon!

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Beyond the Binary: 
*Gender & Sexuality in Jewish Tradition with Keshet*

**Thursday, December 6 | 6:30pm-8:30pm**
**Beth Israel Congregation**

Though we are often prone to portraying sex and gender as binary, ancient Jewish sources understood that these categories were more complex and diverse than we might expect. Come explore some of these ancient texts and consider what they might mean for how we think about gender and sexuality today. Kosher Dinner provided. ALL are welcome. Free for high school aged teens, but pre-registration required: [https://4front.formstack.com/forms/4front_u_form](https://4front.formstack.com/forms/4front_u_form)

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**Jewish Film Festival**

**Saturday evening**
**January 12, 26**
**February 9**

**7:00 pm**

*Please check bethisrael-om.org for details*

*Titles TBA*

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**Send Us Your Pictures!**

Do you have photos from a Beth Israel event?

Share them with us and they may be featured online or in print!

Please email Dana Snyder, dsnyder@bethisrael-om.org

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**Inclement Weather Procedures**

**Religious Services & Congregational Programs**

Decisions about cancelling or postponing a service or Congregational program are made independent of decisions about the Community Learning Lab or Preschool.

When there is inclement weather, listen to WBAL – AM (1090) or WCBM – AM (680) radio, or call the synagogue office for a specific announcement, which will be left on the voice message system at least one hour before the scheduled event. We will also email our plans and post updates on our website, bethisrael-om.org, and Facebook page, Beth Israel Congregation of Owings Mills, MD.
Get Involved!
Beth Israel in the Community:
Habitat for Humanity

Want to help build houses for deserving families? No experience necessary! You can help for all or just part of the day, 8:30am to 3pm.

Our next adventures are **Friday, December 7, and January 18**. For more info, please contact Seth Glassman, 443-928-4562 or skgdds@hotmail.com.

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Help Beth Israel Preschool raise funds for a much needed new playground!

Do a Mitzvah.

Beth Israel Preschool is collecting coins (and paper!) in jars to go toward the purchase of a new playground!

Get a Jar.

1. Pick up a jar at the main office. No time? No problem! Call 410-654-0803 or email scaplan@bethisrael-om.org and we will deliver your jar.
2. Drop off your full jar or call us, we will come pick it up.
3. Repeat!

You will receive a donation letter for tax purposes.

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Jewish Music Month: March 2019

Mark your calendars!

Please join us for **Shabbat song sessions** led by Cantor Jen Rolnick, featuring Hebrew and Yiddish favorites, and folk songs. *Details coming soon*

"Open mic" for teen musicians, hosted by Alani Sugar. *Details coming soon*

**Sunday, March 3, 7–9pm**
**Seth Kibel Band**
"Jewish Music Coffeehouse"

**Thursdays, March 7, 14 & 21, 7:00pm**
**Jewish American Composers**
with Jonathan Palevsky, professor of music, and WBJC (91.5) radio personality

**Wednesday evening, March 20**
**Purim Celebration**
Celebrate Chanukah!
Shabbat Around the World

Friday, December 7, 6:13 pm
followed by Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

WITH TONS OF CHANUKAH FUN
FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!

Happy Chanukah
from Beth Israel
December 2 – 10, 2018

May this season of beauty and light
fill your hearts and homes with
peace and happiness.

Beth Israel's community choir,
Bett Shira
Solo musical performances
Storytelling with
Jennifer Zunikoff
Before dinner: Shababa
for young children & their adults
After dinner: Adult-friendly
storytelling

...and more!

Chanukah Shabbat Dinner:
$22 Adults ages 13+
$12 Children ages 6 to 12
$8 Children ages 3 to 5

Questions?
410-654-0800,
specialevents@bethisrael-om.org

RSVP:
https://tinyurl.com/chanukahshabbat18
What’s Happening at Beth Israel

"Being Mortal" program panelists

Kristallnacht 80th Anniversary Program

Preschool First Friday with Shirley the Shabbat Fairy

Beth Israel Community Learning Lab

HAZAK Dinner & Entertainment

Beth Israel Community Learning Lab
What’s the Proper Etiquette for Workplace Gift-Giving?

by Career Center Staff

Q: It’s holiday time and I’m confused about gift-giving. Should I get something for my boss? Should I expect something from her?

What about my colleagues and the people I supervise? To make things even more confusing, I haven’t worked at my present job long enough to have experienced the holiday season.

A: Holiday time can be stressful enough for people at home without the additional pressure of making all the right gift-giving choices in the workplace. However, if you observe the customs of your “work family” just as you practice traditions and customs in your home family, you should be able to dial back the stress.

Here are some ideas: Get a sense of company culture when it comes to gifts. By now you have been on the job long enough to see how birthdays, new parents, going away parties, etc. are celebrated. Are things kept inside departments or announced company-wide? Does someone set up a collection for a group gift?

Ask a trusted colleague about how holidays are observed across the organizational chart. What is customary regarding giving “up”? Are people open to any new workplace holiday traditions?

If you do end up giving gifts, your best bet is to keep it simple. Aim to please rather than impress. A consumable or gift basket acknowledges the time of year and any work relationship — boss to subordinate, colleague to colleague — without being too overbearing.

Certainly, there is no business etiquette rule that requires you give gifts to anyone at work, and most especially, not to your supervisor. Keep it simple, follow the culture, and you will survive the holiday season just fine.

The JCS Career Center offers comprehensive employment assistance that helps job seekers of all abilities and skill levels find and maintain employment. For more information, call 410-466-9200 or visit jcsbaltimore.org.

Plaque Opportunities

Simcha Plaques
Place a physical reminder of the birth of your child or grandchild, a wedding or anniversary, or maybe a special birthday of a friend. Plaques are displayed on a wooden representation of the Garden of Eden in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Memorial Plaques
It is an Ashkenazi Jewish tradition to place the names of loved ones on the walls of the synagogue so that we may honor them and remain close to them. The Braunstein Memorial Alcove is a place to find solace among those who have departed us.

For more information, or to purchase or reserve your plaque, call Ann Friedman at 410-654-0800 x210, or email afriedman@bethisrael-om.org.

WATCH US LIVE!
Shabbat Mornings, Holidays & Special Events
Now, worship with your Beth Israel community is only a click away! It’s simple. As long as you have a computer or smart phone, you can watch services live streamed from our website.

Just log on to bethisrael-om.org, and click the Watch our Services button located on every page.

If you could not make it to services, watch it live, or if you want to watch again, click on Previous Broadcasts.

Made possible by The Stein Family and Friends of Jerry Stein
Year-End Tax Planning Can Help You and Beth Israel

As the secular calendar year comes to a close, we would like to bring to your attention opportunities to lower your income taxes, while providing meaningful support for Beth Israel.

Your charitable gifts make an important difference in what we are able to accomplish. No matter what your income level, if you itemize, you can usually lower your income taxes through charitable giving, making use of the income tax charitable deduction. The amount of savings will depend on your tax bracket.

Cash: Make more charitable gifts in those years when you have the most income. You may wish to accelerate future charitable gifts into 2019. Many congregants will choose to pay their 2019 dues in 2018.

In fact, you can lower your taxes by making a voluntary contribution of any amount. Simply write a check to the Congregation by December 31. Some employers have matching programs. Send the form to us along with your gift. Cash gifts are fully deductible, up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can usually be carried forward.

Stock: If you own appreciated stock, it is usually best to donate the stock rather than the cash. By donating the appreciated stock you avoid the capital gains tax on the increase in value of the stock. Also, you receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift. Make sure you have owned the stock for at least one year. Beth Israel has a congregant who is a broker who will handle the transaction for you. Call the office for more information.

Gifts of stock are fully deductible, up to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can usually be carried forward.

Real Estate: A residence, vacation home, farm, acreage, or vacant lot may have appreciated in value over the years such that its sale would incur a substantial capital gains tax. By making a year-end gift of the property instead, you would avoid the tax and also receive a charitable donation for the full market value of the property.

Life Income Gifts: You could transfer dividend paying stocks to us and establish a “charitable remainder trust” that would continue to provide you or a loved one an income for life, after which the assets would be distributed outright to Beth Israel. Through this type of arrangement, you would be increasing your income and making a tax-deductible contribution to the synagogue at the same time.

We are always grateful for your interest and support - at any time of the year. Before considering any transaction, consult with your tax advisor to determine how the transaction will impact your tax planning.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any one of these options, please call 410-654-0800 or email bethisrael@bethisrael-om.org.

Beth Israel Endowment Funds

- The Larry M. Wolf Endowment Fund for Jewish Learning
- Beverly F. and William Goldstein Memorial Endowment Fund for Families with Young Children programming
- The Albert Waschler and Gilda T. Lerner Endowment Fund for family/school programming
- The Hilda and Gilbert Hillman Scholar-In-Residence Endowment Fund for learning/Rejewvenate programming
- The Sabina and Walter Dorn Adult Education Endowment Fund for Adult Learning
- The Marilyn and Earl Schloss Religious School Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund
- V’Zot Ha Torah Endowment Fund
- Sandy and Howard Bernheim Leadership Initiative in memory of their parents, Bertha & Max Bernheim and Sylvia & Samuel Stone
- The Jerry Frankle Special Endowment Fund for special Ritual projects in school
- The Minnie and Stanley Hoffman Media Room Enhancement Endowment Fund

iPads for Kids!

Recently upgraded or replaced your iPad? Do you have more gadgets than you know what to do with? Consider donating your previously used iPads to Beth Israel Preschool and help expand young minds!

Please contact Sherry Caplan
410-654-0803 or scaplan@bethisrael-om.org
Beth Israel Celebrates

Mazel Tov to Congregants celebrating “special” life milestones (birthdays and anniversaries). While every birthday or anniversary is a reason to celebrate, if you are having one ending with a five or a zero, we will automatically list your name. We apologize if our records are incomplete or in error. If you do not want your name listed, please call us at least two months in advance.

**December Special Birthdays:**

- Bruce Shapiro
- Marian Shuman
- Louis Gilden
- Ressa Raskin
- Rona Sodden
- Diane Gensler
- Sidra Silton
- Randall Singer
- Russell Weatherholtz
- Daniel Kelley
- Chuck Frazer
- Barry Weiskopf
- Shoshana Harris
- Howard Burkom
- Mona Kaufman
- Diane Seidel

**December Special Anniversaries:**

- Karen & Kenneth Marino
- Dana & Mitchell Snyder
- Janet & Scott Shindell

Praised are you, Adonai, our God who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

Beth Israel Mourns

**Arlene Sullivan,** mother of Michael (Rochelle) Sullivan, grandmother of Erin and Abby.

May the Lord comfort and sustain you along with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Special Shabbattot  
- Reverse Service Saturday, January 5  
- Claire Sodden Memorial Weekend: February 1-3  
- Cholent/Chili Cookoff Saturday, February 23  
- Brotherhood Shabbat Saturday, March 2  
- Sisterhood Shabbat Saturday, May 4  

Alternative Minyan  
Saturday at 10:15am December 22  

Mini-Rejewvenate  
Saturday at 10:15am April 13, May 11  

Shabbat Around the World  
Friday, 6:13pm January 18, February 15  

Shababa (ages 2-5)  
Friday at 5:30pm (followed by potluck dinner) January 4, February 1  

Shababa (ages 2-5)  
Saturday at 10:15am December 1, January 19  

Beginyan (ages 5-11)  
Saturday at 10:30am December 15, January 19  

TGIF Shabbat (family-friendly)  
Friday at 6:45pm January 4, February 1  

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1 SATURDAY
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:15 am Shababa
4:40 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah

2 SUNDAY – Chanukah: 1 candle
9:45 am Hebrew Class

3 MONDAY – Chanukah: 2 candles

4 TUESDAY – Chanukah: 3 candles

5 WEDNESDAY – Chanukah: 4 candles

6 THURSDAY – Chanukah: 5 candles

7 FRIDAY – Chanukah: 6 candles
8:30 pm Habitat for Humanity
4:25 pm Candlelighting
6:13 pm Shabbat Around the World
6:45 pm Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

8 SATURDAY – Chanukah: 7 candles
9:15 am Shabbat Morning Service
4:35 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah

9 SUNDAY – Chanukah: 8 candles
9:30 am Brotherhood Breakfast

10 MONDAY – Chanukah: 8th Day

13 THURSDAY
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

14 FRIDAY
4:26 pm Candlelighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

15 SATURDAY
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am Beginyan
11:00 am Niggunim & Namaste
with Cantor Jen Rolnick
11:00 am Nourishment for the Neurons
4:35 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah

20 THURSDAY
2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

21 FRIDAY
4:29 pm Candlelighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

22 SATURDAY
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah: Ana Mervis
10:30 am Alternative Minyan
4:40 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah

24 MONDAY – Christmas Eve
Office Closed

25 TUESDAY – Christmas Day
Office Closed
Mitzvah Day
9:00 am Morning Minyan
5:40 pm Evening Minyan

27 THURSDAY
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

28 FRIDAY
4:33 pm Candlelighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

29 SATURDAY
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
4:40 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah

31 MONDAY – New Year’s Eve
Office Closed
7:00 am Morning Minyan
5:40 pm Evening Minyan

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1 TUESDAY – New Year’s Day
Office Closed
9:00 am Morning Minyan
5:40 pm Evening Minyan

4 FRIDAY
4:38 pm Candlelighting
5:30 pm Shababa
6:00 pm Potluck Dinner
6:45 pm TGIF Shabbat

5 SATURDAY
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service:
Reverse Service
4:50 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah

Is Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Coming Up?
Please email a headshot, including kippah and tallit, to Ann Friedman
no later than 8 weeks prior to your Bar/Bat Mitzvah month,
afriedman@bethisrael-om.org.
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Beth Israel is looking forward to sharing your simcha!

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at hgdartner4@yahoo.com.
We are now preparing to assign B’nai Mitzvah dates for 2021. Parents with children already in our database received a letter from the synagogue that outlines the scheduling process. If you are a member who has a child born in 2008, but have not received information regarding the scheduling process by the first week of December, please contact Rabbi Rachel Blatt at 410-654-0800 x215.

If you are a non-member with a child in the Beth Israel Community Learning Lab with a birthdate in 2008 and want to schedule a date for a Beth Israel ceremony, please contact Rabbi Rachel Blatt for more information about membership.

We look forward to sharing this simcha with your family!