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Opening Meeting

"Envisioning a Truly Inclusive Jewish Community"



Thursday, September 15th

9:30 am — 11:30 am

on Zoom

Presenters:



Kohenet Dr. Harriette E. Wimms, is the Jews of Color Engagement Fellow within the Associated and the founder and executive director of the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project.



Tracie Guy-Decker, is Senior Partner with Joyous Justice, LLC and co-creator and co-host with April Baskin of the podcast "Jews Talk Racial Justice with April & Tracie."

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Message from Our President



Welcome to our 2022 Fall edition of THE FLAME! Our editors: Eve Vogelstein, Marcia Bornfriend, Sheila Mentz and Jane Davis continue to do a wonderful job compiling our newsletter. Thank you. Please take time to go through THE FLAME, share with your Sisterhoods/organizations and

send in any comments to CeCe Rund at crrund@yahoo.com.

Our Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland held our 106th annual convention via zoom with panache. I congratulate all the honorees who received the "Woman Who Embraces Change" Award! A huge todah rabah to our convention committee and chairs for making this another memorable and important event.

I am hoping that the Presidents and Co-Presidents still have your packets of information from the President's Reception and have found the information to be helpful. My gift to you was the Leadership Logic book. It really is a gem and can be most useful to anyone in a leadership role.

We will kick off our programming and education with our opening meeting on September 15, 2022 via zoom. We were hoping to have an in-person meeting but decided to err on the side of caution considering the rising cases of COVID variants. "Envisioning a Truly Inclusive Jewish Community" will be presented by our exciting speakers: Kohenet Dr. Harriette E. Wimms, Jews of Color Engagement Fellow within the Associated and founder and executive director of the Jews of Color Mishpacha Project and Tracie Guy-Decker, Senior Partner with Joyous Justice, LLC and co-creator and co-host with April Baskin of the podcast "Jews Talk Racial Justice with April & Tracie." I promise that you will want to zoom-in on this informative, enlightening and most needed program! We are looking forward to having our fall evening

program at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation on November 17th (please note this change in date) with a grab-n-go dessert and plan to have a speaker who will factualize our political and justice environment following the elections.

Following our High Holidays, I will start my calls and emails to each of your organizations to learn more about you! Also, after receiving a request from some to learn more about each other, I have added a write-up in THE FLAME that highlights two of our organizations. I will continue to do this with each FLAME edition, working in alphabetical order by the name of the organization. I would also like to hear from you should you have any questions about Federation, should you like to become involved in any of our committees or should you have a suggestion.

I left my thank yous to the end, so that it may be what we remember most. It is an honor (and hard work) to be President of this dynamic organization filled with passionate women. All of our Past Presidents are incredible, and I thank them as well as all of our Vice Presidents, committee chairs and members for keeping us alive and for moving us forward. Marcia Bornfriend, our Immediate Past President, continues to mentor me and I am so very grateful! I also want to thank our current officers for their dedicated work and continued support to our unique and wonderful organization: The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland. Just saying the name makes me feel proud and excited.

So much more to tell you, but it will have to wait until our next edition. Keep your eye on our website for updates at www.jewishwomensfed.org.

I wish you and your families and loved ones a sweet, healthy and happy New Year!

CeCe Rund
President 2022-2024



Please remember our Service men and women. Donations to Serv-A, The Federation's long term social action project, go directly to the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council. Contact Rochelle Bohrer (410) 922-9762 or Ferne Rogow (240) 604-3674 to send your contribution. Thank you for your contributions and support!

Federation Legislative Update—2022

What comes to your mind when you hear the words that defines us—Women?

Throughout history the lack of women in positions of power served to hold back not only women, but all people – for society to advance. The word itself served to attack our rights in public policy and equal rights.

Using the word 'women' can sometimes act as a qualifier, labeling as lesser, softer and unnecessary, or to indicate a lack of concern for men in many parts of the world. All this detracts from the act that women represent half of the world's population. Women's issues affect everyone in their circle of friends, associates and families. Not related to sex, anatomical and chemical differences between men's and women's bodies – gender refers to socially constructed roles of masculinity and family roles that are fluid in many parts of today's world.



Legislative Update
by
Karan Engerman

There are areas in this country where men are putting controls on women's control of their bodies. Our Torah teaches in Mishnah Ohaloth 76 that it is forbidden for women to sacrifice their own life for that of a fetus if her life is threatened. The text permits no other option but abortion.

Our ancestors fought for our right to vote over one hundred years ago. It is now our responsibility to vote in every election. This year your vote is especially important. Election day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

We make up half the world's population and have been looked at as symbols of peace and security, not people of power. Growing up I use to hear that behind every successful man is a strong supportive women. Now it is the time for every successful women to have a successful man supporting her. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

106th Annual Convention Report: by CeCe Rund

One hundred-six years of Jewish life in action through The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland was celebrated via our annual convention on Zoom (due to COVID) on May 12, 2022. The convention activities began with a food pickup at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation on May 11th. Our volunteers greeted all as registrants who wanted a delicious dill salmon dinner came by to pick up their meals and program books. We thank North Oaks for providing the lovely, green tote bags.

There were over 175 persons registered to attend this program. Our President, Marcia Bornfriend, opened the event with a business meeting where all were updated on our activities via reports from all committee chairs. Two new resolutions for 2022 were read and accepted: Our Children Are Our Future and Equal Voting Rights for all Citizens. Helene Waranch, a Past President, discharged our outgoing officers and installed our new officers in a beautiful service that likened each officer to one of our Jewish matriarchs. Our new officers: President: CeCe Rund, Vice Presidents; Julie Bernstein, Edie Meyers, Shulamit Finkelstein; Corresponding Secretaries: Rochelle Bohrer and Ferne Rogow; Treasurer: Ann Fishkin; Auditor: Rosalind Asch; Community Representative: Marcia Bornfriend. Mazel Tov to all!

The audience was also greeted by several of our legislators and we thank them for taking their time to attend our convention. Rabbi Jessy Dressin was the keynote speaker and gave an inspiring presentation as she addressed, "The Changing Roles of Women for the Future." The recipient of the 2022 E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Annette G. Saxon, Chair of Associated Women.

The program culminated with a memorable video showcasing an honoree from each of our constituent organizations. They received the 2022 "A Woman Who Embraces Change" Award, received flowers, and a lovely certificate to commemorate this event.

As the convention was a virtual presentation, it took hours and hours of time and talent to produce. Our Federation is grateful to Marcia Bornfriend, Eve Vogelstein and Ann Fishkin for their time and talents.

Meet our Organizations!



Adat Chaim

Adat Chaim is a conservative congregation in Owings Mills and serves Baltimore and Carroll counties. The synagogue is located at 11421 Cronhill Drive, Suite H. Adat Chaim describes their congregation as integrating a deep respect for traditional Judaism with insights of contemporary life and belief that Jewish learning is a lifelong process. They have an active Sisterhood and support Jewish Community Services to help those in need within the Baltimore area. Adat Chaim also supports many non-Jewish organizations and those in need as well. The current Rabbi is Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker, a native of Chicago. The current President of the Sisterhood is Tina Asher. Tina can be contacted at talkinteeny@verizon.net.



AMIT Children

AMIT is stated to be the #1 educational network in Israel providing innovative Jewish values-based education and incorporates academic and technological studies. Founded in 1925, AMIT has accepted children from all walks of life and from diverse backgrounds. Seventy percent are from disadvantaged situations. There are over 109 schools and programs in 31 cities throughout Israel and 90% of the students have received their bagrut diploma! Robbie Pearlstein is the current Regional Director and can be contacted at robbiep@amitchildren.org. The web site is amitchildren.org.

November Meeting on the 17th

Our November educational event will be held on November 17, 2022 Virtually on Zoom. Due to Monkeypox and the uncertainty of COVID, the previous advertised in-person meeting at Har Sinai- Oheb Shalom will now be a ZOOM program. We will start with a brief business update at 7 pm, followed by our speaker, Barry Rascover, who will discuss our political and judicial environment following the elections. Invitations will go out closer to the date of the event with complete details and registration will be needed to receive a zoom link. For additional information, please contact CeCe Rund at 410-429-5411 or crrund@yahoo.com.

Would You Like To Co-Sponsor a Meeting?

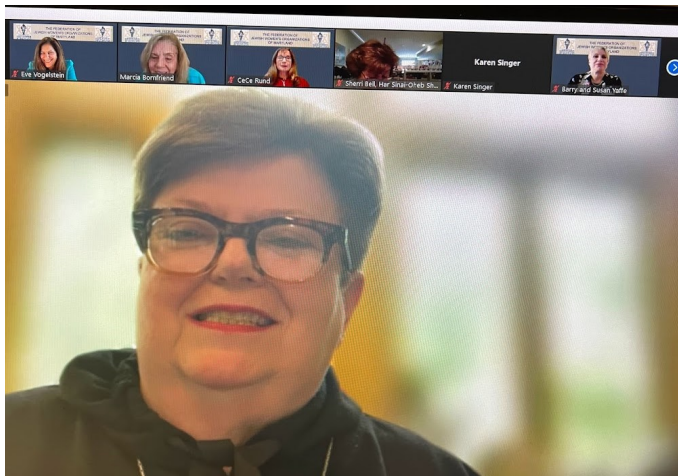
In the past, some of our constituent organizations have graciously hosted our meetings and/or programs by donating a room in their facilities and providing a light breakfast. We would like to offer the opportunity for you, as a constituent organization, to showcase your facility by co-sponsoring one of our programs or meetings. Since The Federation does not have a home base, we depend upon our members to assist us and are most grateful. It is also a way to get to know each other. We also welcome any individual member who would like to donate towards a speaker or program. You would be recognized as a co-sponsor for the program and gratefully acknowledged. If you are interested, please contact CeCe Rund at 410-429-5411 or crrund@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to all our wonderful Honorees



The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland's 106th Annual Convention Honorees: Top row (left to right) Dale Kahn, Beth El Congregation Sisterhood; Sandra Block, Support for Families of Nursing Home Residents; Barbara Sindler, Women of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation; Susan Crystal, Chizuk Amuno Congregation Sisterhood; Charlotte Rutkovitz, Miriam Lodge, K.S.B. Inc.; Diane Burkom, Brandeis Nat'l Comm., Baltimore Chapter; Karen Singer, Associated Women; Hinda Sokolow, Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Sisterhood. Second row from the top (left to right) Michelle Nusinov, Rodger C. Snyder Memorial, Ladies Auxiliary #117 Jewish War Veterans, (Center picture) E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Annette G. Saxon, Marcia Bornfriend, The Federation President, Rochelle Bohrer, Honoree Awards Chair; Carol Renbaum, Israel Bonds Maryland Women's Division; Sue Tafler, Temple Isaiah Sisterhood; Abby Hoffman, The Women's Club of Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation. Third row from top (left to right) Rachel Raphael, Hadassah of Greater Baltimore; Julia Narrow, Levindale Auxiliary, Inc.; Leni Hirschberg, Jewish Caring Network; Sally Rifkin, Kappa Guild, Inc. Bottom row (left to right) Lois Balsler, Covenant Guild, Inc.; Cindy Perlow, Adat Chaim Sisterhood; Judy Werner, Beth Tfiloh Congregation Sisterhood; Robin Belsky, CHANA; Nancy Rogers, Beth Israel Congregation Sisterhood; Rosalind Asch, Jewish Women's International, Lillie Straus/Hope Chapter #839; Rebbetzin Hindy Motzen, Ner Tamid Greenspring Valley Synagogue Sisterhood. .

106th Convention Zoom Pics!



We always like to capture our events the best we can even through zoom. Here are a few pictures from our convention. Top Row from left—right: Marcia Bornfriend, outgoing president, CeCe Rund, incoming president Middle row left-right: Nina Rosenzweg, convention co-chair, Susan Yaffee, convention co-chair. Bottom row from left—right: Rabbi Jessey Dressin, speaker and Carol J. Caplan, p.p, Elissa Ness, p.p and Annette G. Saxon, E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient.



Under Our Umbrella

Upcoming Events by our Organizations

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events.
Submit your information to Elissa Ness, easealthew@aol.com.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

September 14 - 7pm Opening Meeting in person at Beth Israel and on Zoom. Meet the Author - Harriet Goodman Grayson author of last year's "Rockaway Riptides" new book - "Accidental Gangster: Dutch Schultz and Me". Based on true events - Harriet's tales of her grandfather Goldy and great grandfather's days of running booze for Jewish ganster Dutch Schultz through the Rockaways during Prohibition. Stories of Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky, Frank Costello, and Arnold Rothstein (the man who fized the 1919 World Series). For more information contact SuzKiewe@gmail.com.

October 16 - 2pm Mosaic Crafting at Beth Israel in the Sukkah. For more information contact SuzKiewe@gmail.com.

November 9 - 7pm CPR/First Aid in person at Beth Israel. For more information contact SuzKiewe@gmail.com.

HADASSAH OF GREATER BALTIMORE

Thursday, September 15, 2022. 7:00 pm on Zoom. Join the Hadassah community in the fight against Antisemitism. Speakers: Rita Shapiro and Joyce Laiter. Antisemitism: Define It. Defuse It. In the face of rising Antisemitism be an upstander, not a bystander.

REGISTRATION LINK

Sunday, September 18, 2022 11:00 am Waxing Kara, Owings Mills Metro Centre, Suite 102 (between World of Beer and Hook and Reel) Online shopping option Sunday, September 18 only. Use coupon code "Hadassah" so that 10% of sales goes to Hadassah. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Reservations appreciated, but not required. For more information and to RSVP, contact: landsmanamy@gmail.com.

Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 pm for Middle and High School age children (Parents and Grandparents attendance encouraged). Social Media: Public and; Permanent: How to protect yourself and your family in the Digital World. Speaker: Richard Guerry will present an award winning program on a Zoom Webinar. Cost: \$18 for both programs. REGISTER LINK. For more information contact Ellen Sizemore at esizemore@hadassah.org.

KAPPA GUILD, INC.

Friday, September 16, 2022. Shabbat To Go Dinner. Catering by Yaffa. Pick up at Beth Tfiloh Congregation in front of the main entrance 11:00 am-12:00 pm. For more information, contact Sheila Mentz at 410-484-8215 or morahsheila@aol.com.

Virtual Bingo: Date and cost to be determined. Time 7:00 pm.

December 11-December 24. Holiday Gift Wrap at The Shoppes at Kenilworth. Come and bring your gifts to be wrapped. You don't need to have purchased them at Kenilworth. You buy and we wrap. Cost determined by size of item. For more information contact Miriam at 410-602-0175 or bubbysternmail@aol.com.

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Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022 Make a Llama Stuffed Animal at MMAE Sisterhood, 7000 Rockland Hills Road, Baltimore, MD 21208. Patterns, fabrics, threads, needles and stuffing will be provided- bring your own scissors. Make a hospital kid happy. The animals will be given to the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital for distribution to sick and chronically ill children at the out-patient services at their community Event for the December holidays. Contact- RSVP to Hinda Sokolow, 410-486-3734 by Nov. 22, 2022.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022 Annual Chanukah Luncheon at "Croustille Café", Pikesville Town Center, 1404A Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208. Couvert: TBA ; Please RSVP and send your check by Dec. 13, 2022 to Hinda Sokolow, 3306 Greenvale Road, Baltimore, MD 21208. Make your check payable to MMAE Sisterhood. Your check is your reservation. Aviva Isbee -of AHAVAS YISROEL will be our guest speaker. Please bring a KOSHER can (OU or Star K) or an unwrapped toy to help those in need, for the holiday. Contact- Hinda Sokoow, 410-486-3734

WOMEN OF BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 pm Grandparents: Schmooze and Share. Planned for this meeting will be a discussion about plans for the high holidays with our grandchildren. For more information, contact Gail Dezube, gail.dezube@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 pm General Meeting, at BHC, Showstoppers, Janet Davidson Gordon, Fran Berger and our own Ralene Jacobson are part of a musical group who will be singing Broadway, cabaret, old classic songs and much more. For more information, contact Ralene Jacobson, imralene@comcast.net.

Sunday, October 30th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm WBHC Shredding Event, in BHC parking lot. For more information, contact Marcia Gampel, mathmjg@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 6 and Monday, November 7 Holiday Boutique is Back! (Contact us if you know of possible upscale vendors.) For more information, contact Barbara Sindler, bsindler46@gmail.com.

Federation Calendar
(meetings are held on Thursdays)

Meetings Held Either Virtually or in Person

2022-2023



Opening Meeting—September 15, 2022

November Meeting—November 17, 2022

Mid-Winter Conference—January 26, 2023

March Meeting—March 23, 2023

107th Annual Convention— May 18, 2023

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Happy Rosh Hashanah
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