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Opening Meeting Future and Challenges of Policing



Featured Speaker: Chief Melissa Hyatt

The new Baltimore County Police Chief

Thursday, September 19, 2019

9:30 am — 11:30 am

Continental Breakfast

(Dietary Laws Observed)

North Oaks

725 Mount Wilson Lane, Pikesville, Maryland

Message from Our President



When September arrives, I start to think about Rosh Hashanah. Particularly this year, as I start my second year as president of Federation, the symbol of the round Challah, which represents the cyclical nature of the year, was significant to me. This time last year, the officers, chairs and I were in the midst of setting goals, planning programs and trying to visualize how to continue a vibrant and relevant Federation.

Now as I reflect on all we did, I feel so proud of our officers, committee chairs, volunteers and all those who have supported Federation. In an effort to address issues of major concern, we had programs on cyber security, anti-Semitism on college campuses and women's health care inequities. We went to Annapolis and met with some of our representatives and discussed issues of concern as well as bills that were related to the Federation's resolutions.

Our convention theme reflected the renewed women's empowerment and the upcoming hundred-year anniversary of women getting the right to vote. Our E.B. Hirsh recipient, Dr. Nancy Aiken, and our individual "Women Who Empower" honorees demonstrated the strength of our Jewish women and their commitment to their organizations and community. In June, at our President's Receptions for incoming presidents and vice presidents of our member organizations, we welcomed an excellent trainer, Bev Rosen, who conducted a program on team empowerment.

What does this have to do with a round challah? Just as challah represents continuing on with the cycles in our lives, so do we continue to do what we must to support the mission of Federation. As my second year begins, we start anew to plan for the upcoming 2019/2020 year. We have been busy planning wonderful and meaningful programming.

Our opening meeting will highlight Baltimore County's new police chief, Melissa Hyatt. She is the first woman and the first Jewish person to hold the position of Chief of Police in Baltimore County. We are so honored that she will come to

address our group and tell us about her vision for public safety in Baltimore County. In November, speaker Joyce Garczynski will enlighten us on the subject of "Fake News--How Do We Tell Fact From Fiction." This is definitely a hot topic.

Education is one way we support our community. We also continue to encourage our constituent groups to share their events with each other by posting them in The Flame in the "Under the Umbrella" section as well as on the website. We can all support each other and learn from each other which is Federation's mission.

Another goal is to keep reaching out to our member organizations so that we can meet their needs and provide resources and information. We want to increase our Friend's membership so that we can communicate more with those who want to know about our programs and who wish to support us. Federation continues to advocate on issues of major concerns to the Jewish community. I urge anyone who feels that there is an issue which should be addressed by Federation to bring it to our attention. To stay vital, we must come together. We ask that those who would like to be involved in helping with Convention, programming, have skills in social media or publicity, to please contact us. Many of our leaders have come to serve on Federation's leadership team after completing their organization's leadership responsibilities. We welcome you. Finally, we hope to continue to add to our Federation community by enlisting new member organizations in the Baltimore region, including Howard County.

I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone who has contributed and continues to work to make Federation a relevant and important part of the Maryland community. I look forward to seeing you throughout this upcoming year and wish you a Shana Tova- Happy New Year!! May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Linda Boteach- President

103rd Convention—Revisted

Thanks to a wonderful committee, Federation’s 103rd Convention was a great success. What a beautiful day! Our morning speaker, Patricia Wirth, Executive Director/CEO of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, was very interesting, informative and well received by the audience. Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States, spoke on “The Power of Women.” Her presentation was enlightening and related well to our theme, “Women Who Empower: Past, Present, Future.” The menu was perfect and the food delicious. Congratulations to our well deserved E.B. Hirsh Award winner Dr. Nancy Aiken and our honorees.

Save the date for Federation’s 104th Convention on May 21, 2020.

Edie Meyers and Maxine Kontoff, co-chairs



President's Reception

In June, Federation's officers and past presidents hosted the annual President's Reception for the presidents and vice presidents or their representatives of our constituent organizations. This event was an opportunity to meet the organizations' leadership teams and learn of their concerns as well as highlighting Federation's mission.

The session informed the group of the publication of Federation's newsletter, *The Flame*; the web site that is available to their members and the community; Federation's calendar of events for the coming year; the Friend's program; and the

opportunities available to learn and to take part in leadership training. As part of leadership training, we welcomed Bev Rosen, MSW/MBA, who spoke to the assembly on "The ABCs of Team Empowerment." Her presentation guided the organizations to recognize the important contributions leaders can attain in order to reach their goals.

The group broke for a delicious and extensive lunch, during which all of us took advantage of the person-to-person conversation. Federation thanks all those who attended and encourages the groups to convey the knowledge they received to their members.



Opening Meeting—Future and Challenges of Policing



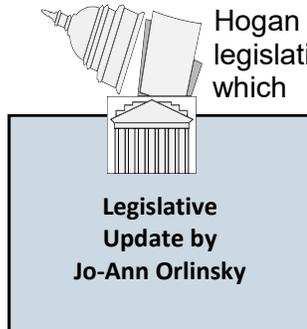
The September Opening Meeting will take place on September 19, 2019 at North Oaks Retirement Community, 725 Mount Wilson Lane, Pikesville Maryland from 9:30-11:30 am. Federation is very proud to have as our featured speaker the new Baltimore County Police Chief, Melissa Hyatt. Her talk will focus on the Future and Challenges of Policing. She is the first female and first Jewish Police Chief of Baltimore County Police. She has a very impressive resume with over 20 years of law enforcement experience with the Baltimore Police Department including many leadership roles and other experiences. A continental breakfast will be served (dietary laws observed).

Social Action: Bring school supplies and Kleenex.

The registration deadline is Monday, **September 9, 2019**. RSVP to CeCe Rund, 410-429-5411.

Federation—Legislative Update—August 2, 2019

We now know the results of the legislation passed by the 2019 General Assembly. Governor Hogan vetoed eight pieces of legislation, none of which were bills which Federation picked as our priorities. Nevertheless, the first order of business for the legislature when it convenes in January, will be to determine whether any of the vetoes should be overridden.



While the Governor signed many bills, he also permitted many other bills to become law without his signature, including the Prescription Drug Affordability bill.

Of our priority bills, the following did not pass the legislature: salary information disclosure, protective orders for victims of rape and sexual offenses, Maryland funding for family planning providers under Title X, and a bill directing the Maryland Health Department to refuse to accept federal Title X money if it contains restrictions on information medically approved for family planning methods and services.

The following bills did pass the General Assembly: increases in the state minimum wage, child support for post secondary education, jurisdiction of the Court

restrictions on solitary confinement for pregnant women and juveniles and the establishment of a summer snap program.

The following bills were greatly revised: expansion of the Maryland law on vacating convictions to include prostitution; HIV prevention for rape survivors became a pilot project until costs are determined; and the changes to the Prescription Drug Affordability Act limit the authority of the Board set-up under the act.

As in many other states this year, there has been a push to eliminate or severely restrict access to abortion and to women's health clinics. During the session, 16 anti-choice bills were defeated, such as: requirements for physicians to report to the state, 24-hour waiting periods, fetal heart beat bills and prohibiting interstate trafficking of minors for abortion care. Jewish values respect the use of abortions under certain circumstances after consultation with one's doctor and one's rabbi. We have been very fortunate, so far, to have a compassionate and realistic legislature.

We will keep you posted on legislation as we get closer to January's legislative session.

Note: Maryland's primary election is on June 23, 2020.

Supporting Serv-A

While most of us were enjoying typical fun and leisurely summer activities, The Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) Jewish Chaplains Council continued its work on training chaplains. These military chaplains will be well prepared to provide religious services for all the upcoming High Holidays and Fall Festivals for our Jewish service personnel around the globe. Many of the roles chaplains undertake are not addressed in seminary or in military officer training.

The Jewish Welfare Board also trains numerous lay leaders, who step up to support and provide services to Jewish military personnel and their families. With religious services as well as the Jewish ritual and food supplies that the JWB sends around the world, a connection is formed for our Jewish military personnel that is an "antidote" to loneliness and other stressors of military life.

Please consider contributing to Serv-A (Serving Jews in the US Armed Services), Federation's only long-term social project. Contributions can be made by each organization or through individual donations. Donation forms are available on the website and at all meetings. Contributions to Serv-A go directly to the office of the Jewish Chaplains Council in New York. Thank you for thinking of our Jewish military personnel. For information or questions, contact Serv-A chair, Susan Grilli at 410-561-0906.



Under Our Umbrella

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events. Submit your information to Elissa Ness, easelthew@aol.com. Bring your flyers to each meeting so they can be placed on a table.

BETH EL SISTERHOOD

Sunday, September 8, 2019- 1:30 pm-4:00 pm

Beth El Sisterhood is planning a very exciting event on the day of our opening meeting. "Fall Fashion Fest" will feature your favorite vendors who will be ready to help you shop for clothing, accessories and jewelry. This event is open to all members of Beth El as well as family, relatives, neighbors and people in the community.

Thursday, September 19, 2019- from 7:45 am-6:00 pm. Trip To Glenstone Museum. *Wait List Only*

Wednesday, October 30, 2019- from 8:00 am-6:00 pm. Trip To The National Museum Of Women In The Arts And The National Portrait Gallery. *Wait List Only*

November 10, 2019- trip to Arena Stage to see the play, "Right to be Forgotten."

For more info: bethelbalto.com.

BETH TFILOH SISTERHOOD

September 10, 2019- Day of Games and Lunch 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Call Ellen Karp

443-660-7690 or email ellenkarp@hotmail.com or Brenda Pariser 410-363-8903 or parisb@juno.com.

September 18, 2019- Opening Sisterhood meeting at 7:00 pm in the Tuvin Assembly Hall presenting ROBYN HELZNER who has led the struggle to free Jews still in Soviet Russia. She will perform songs in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian and English.

November 18 and 19, 2019 – Annual Boutique.

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE, BALTIMORE CHAPTER

Check our website for additional info and our Live and Learn Booklet with 30 classes at:

blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccbaltimore

All open meetings convene at 1 pm in the Hadassah Meeting Room, [3723 Old Court Road, Suite 205](http://3723OldCourtRoad.com).

For more information, contact Suzanne Strutt swstrutt@verizon.net.

COVENANT GUILD

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 10:00 am at Temple Oheb Shalom - CARD PARTY.

HADASSAH GREATER BALTIMORE

September 11, 2019- Hadassah Greater Baltimore's Fall Opening Meeting. Dinner and Symposium. Beth El Congregation 8101 Park Heights Avenue at 6:00 pm. Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll with guest speakers Dr. Rachel Rubin, MD, Rivka Sidorsky, sex therapist and Jennifer Gilbert, guest moderator WBFF Anchor. For further information, call the Hadassah office at 410-484-9590.

October 27, 2019- Trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, \$130, leaving Greenspring Shopping Center at 7 am. Cost \$130. Call the Hadassah office 410-484-9590 for more information.

November 10, 2019- Cell-A-Brate The Good Ole'Days. At Chizuk Amuno Congregation, 5 pm. Entertainment by The Hub Caps. For further information, call the Hadassah office at 410-484-9590.

ISRAEL BONDS MARYLAND WOMEN'S DIVISION

Thursday, November 21, 2019- Rina L. Janet Israel Bonds Maryland Women's Division Fashion Show and Luncheon honoring Amy Harris from 11 am-3 pm. For more information, please contact Hillary Lewis at 443-471-2783 or Hillary.lewish@israelbonds.com.

KAPPA GUILD, INC.

Sunday, September 8, 2019- Opening meeting and lunch at Glyndon Grill Restaurant in Glyndon at 12:00 pm.

November 25-27, 29-30, 2019- Holiday gift wrap at Barnes and Noble Pikesville.

Sunday, December 15, 2019- Face Painting with Micki at Barnes and Noble in Pikesville. Special appearance and story time with The Cat in the Hat. Beginning of bookfair and gift wrap week.

All proceeds go to "helping children in need."
December 15-19, 2019- Bookfair and holiday gift wrap at Barnes and Noble Pikesville.

LEVINDALE AUXILIARY

Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Come celebrate Levindale Auxiliary's 120th birthday at a fun, small bites reception. There will be a silent auction and great music. For info, contact Faye Brand at 410-601-2378.

MIRIAM LODGE, K.S.B, INC.

Saturday, September 14, 2019- Join Miriam Lodge on these wonderful trips! Love Sick at Theater J, Washington, DC, 2 pm. \$117.50. Box lunch with choice of Turkey, Corned Beef or Tuna Sandwich. Reservations (including your phone number) with a check payable to Miriam Lodge to Terry Lusk (410-764-1666), 3100 Stone Cliff Drive, #306, Baltimore, MD 21209.

Thursday, October 17, 2019, Nat King Cole: 100th Birthday Celebration at Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Orchestra Seats. 7 pm. \$148.50. Deposit \$85 (deadline October 1st). Reservations (including your phone number) with a check payable to Miriam Lodge to Norma Samson (410-484-3074), 1 Gristmill Court, #306, Baltimore, MD 21208.

MOSES MONTEFIORE ANSHE EMUNAH GREENGATE JEWISH CENTER SISTERHOOD

September 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm Please join us 7000 Rockland Hills Drive, Baltimore, MD 21209 Opening & New Member Meeting - Musical Program with Ellen Katz, "50 Years of Great Hits" Free of Charge. RSVP to Hinda Sokolow—410-486-3734 by Sept. 14th.

November 10, 2019 at 11:00 am Please join us for the Jewish Literacy Festival and Book Review of "The Paris Architect" with author Charles Belfour, \$10 per person. Send check by November 5th to Hinda Sokolow, 3306 Greenvale Road, Balto., MD, 21208.

December 17, 2019 at 11:30 am. Please join us for our Chanukah Luncheon with Father Bernie "A Very Diverse Family." Members: \$18 Guests: \$20; Send check by December 12th to Hinda Sokolow, 3306 Greenvale Rd., Balto., MD, 21208.

WOMEN OF BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 11:30 am. The opening meeting will feature Rebecca Hoffberger, founder and director of the American Visionary Art Museum. For information and to make a reservation contact Karan Engerman, 443-570-6435.

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Fall Shred Event from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. For more information contact Suzanne Strutt, swstrutt@verizon.net.

Sunday, November 3 and 4, 2019

Holiday Boutique, a fun filled two days of shopping. For more information contact Barbara Sindler, barbara.sindler@verizon.net.

WOMEN OF HAR SINAI CONGREGATION

September 22, 2019 at 9:15 am- Women of Har Sinai Congregation join with Har Sinai Brotherhood to sponsor our opening speaker series breakfast of this year on Sunday. The topic will be Suicide Prevention. The speaker will be Dr. Steven Schonfeld. An omelet chef will cater your meal for a cost of \$10.00 for the speaker and breakfast. Please contact Sherri Bell if interested at 410-303-2483.

Federation is Available to Visit You

Each member organization can invite a Federation officer to visit one of your meetings to learn about Federation and what we can do for you.

Call Karan Engerman for more information



Federation Calendar

Save the Dates:

- Opening Meeting:** Thursday, September 19, 2019
- Evening Meeting:** Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Mid-Winter Conference:** Thursday, January 23, 2020
- School for a Day:** Thursday, March 26, 2020
- 104th Convention:** Thursday, May 21, 2020

NOTE: All Federation meetings are held on Thursdays.

Become a Friend of Federation



Send check for \$18 to Ann Fishkin.
Remember to designate "Friend" on your check and complete the form on your right.

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Your contribution of \$18 a year allows you to receive all Flames, the annual directory and all mailings. You also help to underwrite Federation's meetings. Thank you for becoming a Friend of Federation.

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