

Message from Our President



I can hardly believe that my term as president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland is coming to an end. Even though we were in a pandemic, the Federation never stopped planning timely programs for our meetings and we used Zoom to make these meetings

interesting and well planned. We have had presenters who have been knowledgeable, informative and have challenged our thinking. At our meetings, we gave attendees the opportunity to support a variety of social action projects, improve our inter-organizational communication by using our website, Facebook and published in the Under the Umbrella section in our Flame. We all learned about the Federation's only project Serv-A, which supports our men and women who serve in the Armed Services. We also encouraged people to support the Federation by becoming a Friend of Federation. Becoming a Friend supports us so we can plan wonderful programs for our meetings, Annual Convention and President's Reception.

Since August, we have been planning our 106th Annual Convention. This year's theme is **The Changing Roles of Women in the Future**. Our keynote speaker, Rabbi Jessy Dressin, will discuss how women's roles have changed through the years. Once

again, our constituent organizations have selected one deserving person from their organization to receive the **Woman Who Embraces Change Award**. We are very proud to give the E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award to **Annette G. Saxon**, Chair of Associated Women. Attending our convention not only supports our honorees, but you will get to join us as we install our next president CeCe Rund and our new slate of officers. Although we are still celebrating on Zoom, we will bring to you an interesting and wonderful convention.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as president these last two years. I am very blessed to have worked with so many outstanding, gifted and remarkable women, who are dedicated to bringing you important and helpful information; who lead Federation's way to growth and understanding; and who make our Jewish women better people and leaders. I thank the officers, past presidents, executive committee and all the membership for your support as we worked side-by-side striving to make Federation all it could be. This remarkable team of women have made Federation a strong organization we can be proud of. My success is your success!



*Todah Rabbah,
Marcia Bornfriend*

March Meeting—A Portrait of Jewish Baltimore by CeCe Rund

Our Federation gathered over zoom where over 90 people attended to hear Rebecca Weinstock, Director of Partnerships and Grants for The Associated, present the findings of their 2020 study. The 2020 study, officially called **Foundation of Our Future: Portrait of Jewish Baltimore**, was a comprehensive study completed in 2019-2020 through the partnership with The Associated and Brandeis University. It took an in-depth look at the demographics of the Greater Baltimore Jewish Community and reflected representation of our Jewish living: make up of homes, educational levels, synagogue membership and participation, schooling and much more. The data came just prior to the pandemic and can be used as a baseline for comparing our community before, during and after this pandemic. The 2020 study revealed both strengths and weaknesses within our Jewish community, which has lead The Associated to identify areas that need action plans that are already in the working phases.

Rebecca skillfully reviewed much of the data and addressed questions following the presentation. Please see the sites below for complete information about this most enlightening and important study. If you have specific questions, please contact Rebecca Weinstock directly at rweinstock@associated.org.

cjebaltimore.org/programs/pjlibrary PJ Library information

Associated.org. Go to resources and click on 2020 Greater Baltimore Community Study

Associated.org. Go to Community Study Slide Presentation and Executive Summary



Report of our Mid-Winter Conference on January 20, 2022 by CeCe Rund

There were 100 persons registered to hear Howard Libit, Executive Director of the Baltimore Jewish Council (BJC), and Emily Goodman, Director of Holocaust and Antisemitism Programming, address antisemitism in the Baltimore community and beyond. The program started with a definition of antisemitism, taken from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance that is adapted by 32 countries. It provides language that countries can clearly interpret. A history of antisemitism was discussed, including: Protocols from the elders of Zion, Holocaust rhetoric and myths, and what is happening today.

In October of 2021, the American Jewish Committee surveyed over 1,400 Jews (ages 18 and over) and found that one in four American Jews were targets of antisemitism and that four in ten changed their behaviors such as not wearing anything in public that would identify them as a Jew due to fear. BJC has noted an overall increase in antisemitic activity throughout the greater Baltimore community. In fact, most reported hate crimes that target religious groups fall upon the Jewish population, mostly in the form of property damage and graffiti swastikas painted on poles, yellow boxes and on Jewish gravestones.

The BJC is in regular conversation with the FBI and other Jewish watch groups. Mr. Libit tells us that the take home message is "If you see it, report it" and to stand up with other communities and ethnic peoples who have also experienced hate crimes.

In 2019, the BJC organized a summit of Jewish leaders from across Baltimore to share ideas to combat antisemitism and launched the Community Antisemitism Task Force led by Debs Weinberg and Rabbi A. Busch of BHC. This task force concentrated on four areas: Education, Advocacy, Relationship Building, and Monitoring and Responding.

BJC has taken more actions to combat antisemitism by:

- Creating a Director of Holocaust and Countering Antisemitism Programming (Emily Goodman)
- Creating an Associated-BJC Antisemitism Committee (helps to implement the recommendations from the task force)
- Utilizing community resources to combat antisemitism (i.e.: \$180,000 from the Weinberg Foundation)
- Creating Security programs that work with local and state law enforcement to ensure security throughout the Jewish communities
- Creating Community Programs such as the Be Aware Program: how to respond to antisemitism
- Working closely with the Anti-Defamation League
- Working with college campuses (Hillels and Persons of Diversity)

For specific program information, contact Emily Goodman: egoodman@baltjc.org.

Video on antisemitism: jewishstudies.berkeley.edu/antisemitism-education/antisemitism-training-film

What Can We Do? Our speakers recommend the following:

- Challenge antisemitic remarks and actions
- If you see it, report it (ADL.org/reportincident)
- Stand up for all anti-hate groups
- Educate your children and grandchildren against hate
- Get involved in anti-hate programs
- Invite non-Jews to Jewish programs and activities

Mazel Tov to our Honorees!

Adat Chaim Sisterhood – Cindy Perlow	Hadassah of Greater Baltimore – Rachel Raphael	Rodger C. Snyder Memorial, Ladies Auxiliary #117, Jewish War Veterans – Michelle Nusinov
Associated Women – Karen Singer	Israel Bonds Maryland Women's Division – Carol Renbaum	Support for Families of Nursing Home Residents – Sandra Block
Beth El Congregation Sisterhood – Dale Kahn	Jewish Caring Network – Leni Hirschberg	Temple Isaiah Sisterhood – Sue Tafler
Beth Israel Congregation Sisterhood – Nancy Rogers	Jewish Women's International – Rosalind Asch	The Women's Club of Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation – Abby Hoffman
Beth Tfiloh Congregation Sisterhood – Judy Werner	Kappa Guild, Inc. – Sally Rifkin	Women of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation – Barbara Sindler
Brandeis Nat'l Committee, Baltimore Chapter – Diane Burkom	Levindale Auxiliary, Inc. – Julia Narrow	E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree – Annette G. Saxon
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Our Federation offers the opportunity to add your name to a personalized **“Mazel Tov”** greeting that will be sent to each honoree to let her know just how special and appreciated she is! Place a check in the box in front of the name of each person you would like to recognize.

Send \$5 or more for each honoree you want to recognize!

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Under Our Umbrella

Upcoming Events by our Organizations

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

ADAT CHAIM SISTERHOOD

Monday, May 16, 2022 7:00 pm— Healthcare Heroes Tour of Israel. Join Cindy Perlow as she takes us on her Healthcare Heroes Tour of Israel with Momentum. The talk and tour will take place in person at the synagogue located at 11421 Cronhill Drive, Ste. H, Owings Mills. A presentation of pictures and discussion of Cindy's first trip to Israel is the highlight of this program. She will guide us and provide an introduction to Momentum as part of the program. You can RSVP to: acsisterhood18@gmail.com. *Proof of Covid Vaccination is required to enter the synagogue building. Please bring your vaccination card with you in paper form or on your phone. We are still masking in the building as well.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Sunday, May 1, 2022 11:00 am End of Year event, Luncheon & Fashion Show at Beth Israel Congregation 3706 Crondall Lane Owings Mills, Md. 21117. The cost is \$30.00 members; \$35.00 guests. All different sizes for purchase and take home. Please contact : Miriam Stern cell 410-299-0498 or email bubbysternmail@aol.com.

CHANA

Sunday, May 8, 2022 - start time 8:00 am Chana's 5th Annual Race Against Abuse 5K and Fun Run. Please join us as we raise awareness about domestic violence, sexual abuse and elder abuse, and to fundraise for CHANA's mission to empower survivors! Let's rally together to end abuse in our community. The cost is \$40. Located at the Rosenbloom Owings Mills JCC, 3506 Gwynnbrook Avenue, Owings Mills, 21117. Please contact Dayna Leder, dleder@associated.org, 410-234-0030.

COVENANT GUILD

Covenant Guild will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary with a week of events as follows -

Sunday May 13, 2022 11:30 am Down Memory Lane Luncheon at the Woodholme Country Club. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Contact Marilyn Sherr 410-484-5728 for reservations.

Monday May 14, 2022 Short business meeting followed by our Pot of Gold drawing at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation. Contact Lynda Stotsky 410-486-3648 for reservations.

Tuesday May 15, 2022 Get on board for a bus tour of some of the charities we have supported in the past 2 years. Cost \$15.00 members only.

Wednesday May 16, 2022 11:30am 68th Donor Luncheon at the Suburban Country Club. The cost is \$65.00 per person. Contact Phyllis Gold 410-486-0078 for reservations.

Saturday May 21, 2022 7pm In Thankfulness Havdalah Service Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation. No charge but reservations are necessary. Contact Ellen Budish 443-857-7499 for reservations.

HADASSAH OF GREATER BALTIMORE

Sunday, May 1, 2022 10:00 am 4:00 pm Shira and Mitchell's Jewelers Appraisal Event. Mitchell's Jewelers 1500 Reisterstown Road Pikesville 21208. Appointment to be scheduled in advance: Lisa Dickler of Mitchell's 410-274-4268. 20% of Mitchell's proceeds goes to Shira Chapter. For additional questions, please contact Carol at crenbaum@gmail.com. Scene II will be open from 12:00 pm-4:00pm and is offering 20% off all purchases.

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:00pm Zoom (registration link to come). Stitching a New Identity: Learn how the relationship between national identity, diplomacy and fashion shaped the State of Israel from the 1940s through today.

Thursday, June 2, 2022 7:00pm Hadassah Greater Baltimore Spring Closing Meeting. Zoom (registration link to come, possible hybrid in person).

JEWISH CARING NETWORK

June 12-19, 2022 Virtual JCN 5K Care Run. The JCN5K Care Run raises funds to assist community members diagnosed with a life-threatening or lifelong illness. Please partner with us and help us make a difference in their lives. The more we RAISE the more we can HELP! As the race is Virtual, you can walk/run any time that works for you! Although there is no fee to participate, this is our annual fundraiser & we hope you will partner with us to raise funds for families who need your help. You can walk/run anywhere in the world! For more information, visit www.JCN5K.org.

KAPPA GUILD, INC.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 7:00 pm Second Virtual Bingo \$12.00 per person for 3 cards. \$5.00 for each additional 3 cards. Contact: Miriam Stern Bubbysternmail@aol.com 410-602-0175. Gift cards to the winners. Grand prize will be given. Link provided before the date.



Under Our Umbrella continued...

Upcoming Events by our Organizations

KAPPA GUILD, INC continued...

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 1:00 pm-3:30 pm Virtual Donor Event celebrating our 69th anniversary of "helping children in need." Cost \$18 for the link. Distribution of funds to guests from hospital NICU and pediatric units, camps for children with cancer and autism and agencies working with children with social and physical needs. Guest legislators. Entertainment by Rabbi/Cantor, Ph.D. Rhoda Harrison, Cantor of Congregation M'kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

June/July Sunday morning TBA Outside in-person brunch at Goldbergs.

August 10, 2022- 11:30 am-3:00 pm. Day of Games. Pappas Restaurant and Sports Bar 550 Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, Md. Cost \$40. Proof of vaccination and boosters and masking required. Contact Michale Misler 410-654-0857 angiosm@aol.com for more information.

LEVINDALE AUXILIARY

Thursday, June 9, 2022 - Levindale Fundraiser honoring Betsy and Lou Narrow. The event will be an exciting Wine Tasting and dinner, silent auction and a tribute video to our wonderful honorees. The event is chaired by Marla Friedman and Hindy Abramson. It will be held at Woodhome Country Club. Tickets can be purchased as an Israel Bond or through Levindale. Please contact Faye for additional information at 410-601-2378 or Levindaleauxiliary@lifebridgehealth.org.

MOSES MONTEFIORE ANSHE EMUNAH SISTERHOOD

April 16, 2022 -Distinguished and acclaimed author Charles Belfoure-The Faberge Secret, Champagne Dessert Reception to follow. Books available for signing. Call Hinda Sokolow 410-486-3734.

April 26, 2022-Book and Author and Champagne and Dessert Reception at 6:00pm at The Ivy Bookshop: 5928 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209. Reservations a must . Call Hinda Sokolow 410-486-3734.

May 15, 2022 4:00 pm - Family Fun Day—MMAE 7000 Rockland Hills Drive, Baltimore MD 21209. Petting zoo, games, food for cash and multi-generational activities. Call Hinda Sokolow 410-486-3734.

WOMEN OF BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:30pm on zoom - "It Took a Woman..." (unknown women inventors) presented by Barbara Blumberg Ressin. To attend, email womenofbhc@gmail.com to obtain a zoom link.

Thursday, May 19, 2022 and on June 16, 2022 at 7:30pm on zoom - Grandparents: Schmooze and Share. To attend, email womenofbhc@gmail.com to obtain a zoom link.

Monday, May 23, 2022 at 11:00am on zoom - The Book Circle will discuss the book An American Marriage by Tarayi Jones. To attend, email womenofbhc@gmail.com to obtain a zoom link.



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 Calendar
(meetings are held on Thursdays)



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106th Annual Convention— May 12, 2022
President's Reception—June 16, 2022

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