



The Flame

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Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland

Join us at our Mid-Winter Conference



Thursday, January 26, 2017

9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Weinberg Park Heights JCC, Community Room

A KOSHER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.

FEATURING PANELISTS:

JOAN GRAYSON COHEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jewish Community Services

MARY HAAR, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

Community Planning and Allocations, The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore

HOWARD LIBIT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Baltimore Jewish Council

Social Action Project: Please bring baby diapers and/or money for purchasing

To register, contact Sheila Stern at sheilazstern@gmail.com or 410-363-3514. RSVP by January 20



For current information go to www.jewishwomensfed.org.

Message from our President Helene H. Waranch

The mission of The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland states that as *an umbrella group of non-profit organizations and sisterhoods, we ...support the Jewish community and advocacy of issues of major concern.* Therefore, it is the role of Federation to provide education and awareness on issues and programs important to all of us and our member organizations and their leaders. In the last year Federation presented information on many issues and programs:

1. Jews in the US Armed Services

Each year **SERV-A**, our long term and only ongoing project, annually collects funds from our member organizations and individuals to send to the Jewish Chaplaincy to provide Jewish soldiers with religious items and food for Jewish holidays.

2. Legislative Agenda with the Maryland General Assembly

- a. Federation, under the excellent leadership of Sheila Derman and JoAnn Orlinsky, monitors and informs us about bills coming before the Maryland legislature for issues of special concern to us. This past year the most important issues for us were bills about the punishment of those in human trafficking, definition and repercussions of rape and the right of workers to earn paid family leave.
- b. Federation has joined MLAW, the **Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women**. See JoAnn Orlinsky's article in this issue.
- c. Federation visited Annapolis in March, 2016 to meet with our local legislators to discuss upcoming bills.
- d. The Federation, as a founder of the **Baltimore Jewish Council**, has a representative serving on its board.

3. Programs about the Baltimore Jewish Community

- a. Our program, "Protecting and Respecting Older Adults: Elder Abuse Awareness," was presented by **CHANA** in December 2016. CHANA, a program of The Associated, offers a Jewish community response to needs of persons who experience abuse and other forms of interpersonal trauma. For more information, for seeking programs or for personal assistance call 410-234-0030.
- b. "The Changing Face of the Baltimore Jewish Community" will be presented on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 9:30am at the Park Heights Jewish Community Center in partnership with Associated Women. We will learn from **The Associated, Baltimore Jewish Council** and **Jewish Community Services** about the changing demographics and the issues important to the future of the Baltimore Jewish community.

4. Social Action Programs: In order to provide information on

the needs within our community, the Federation has instituted collections of items for particular organizations at each meeting:

- a. Personal hygiene items and school supplies for residents of **The Samaritan Women**, a shelter for those recovering from human trafficking. Contact: info@samaritanwomen.org.
 - b. Discarded cell phones for clients of **CHANA** to be used in case of emergencies. Contact: 410-234-0030.
 - c. Diapers for babies of families in poverty because food stamps cannot be used for diapers. Contact: Contact Sheila Derman [410-486-8877](tel:410-486-8877) or take the diapers to the Hadassah office at 3723 Old Court Road, 2nd floor, 21208.
5. **Support of Israel**: Awareness of issues facing Israel continues to be presented at our meetings:
- a. A program on the organizations supporting Israel and their positions was held.
 - b. Devastating fires destroyed a large area of Israel. To discover the needs after the fires, contact the **Jewish National Fund**: 6 Reservoir Circle 21208, 410-486-3317.

Federation hopes that each organization will select those issues and programs that resonate with its mission and existing programs. It is not up to Federation to support each and every issue and program presented but to educate and motivate the constituent organizations to become involved.

I wish everyone a peaceful and happy 2017.

Hope to see you all soon,

Helene

SAVE THE DATE: 101st Convention

May 11, 2017

9:30am to 3:00pm

Things to know:

- Theme: **Changing Times: Adapting for the Future**
As the world changed in many ways during the first century of our organization, it is and will continue to change during our second century. Join us for ideas on keeping our Jewish Women's Organizations thriving as we move through the years ahead.
- Keynote Speaker: Sammie Moshenberg, Strategic Grass Roots and Policy Consultant
- E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award: Deborah "Debs" Weinberg, community leader
- Where: Temple Oheb Shalom
- **Embracer of Change Award** – Presented to a woman from each of our constituent organizations

Co-Chairs: Karan Engerman and Linda Roedel

School for a Day and Chana

SCHOOL FOR A DAY: Thursday, September 22, 2016.

Back by popular demand, School for a Day was held at Federation’s opening meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016 to expand our knowledge and leadership potential with experienced facilitators:

Using Social Media: Marcia Bornfriend, technology Instructor & President, Levindale Auxiliary.

Developing New Leaders: Mimi Rozmaryn, Director, Center for Community Engagement and Leadership of the Associated and **Increasing Membership:**

Helene H. Waranch, President, Federation.

CHANA—Thursday, December 1, 2016,

Senior Abuse program: A local organization that offers a Jewish community response to the needs of persons who experience abuse and other forms of interpersonal traumas presented the program entitled “Protecting and Respecting Older Adults: Elder Abuse Awareness.” Nancy Aiken, Executive Director, and Barbara Kornblit, Assistant Director of SAFE, gave a very informative program.

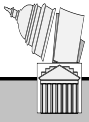


SERV-A for Jewish Servicemen and Women by Betty Samuels Seidel

As we kindled the Chanukah lights and ushered in 2017, we were mindful of our courageous United States Jewish Servicemen and Women who are protecting us throughout the world. Through our SERV-A project, we make sure they know that they are not forgotten. Our contributions to the Jewish Welfare Board Chaplain’s Council enable the sending of prayer books, ceremonials and kosher holiday treats to thousands of men and women at over 500 military installations and VA Medical Centers.

Everyone can support our Jewish Armed Services by donating any amount to SERV-A on special occasions such as Bar and Bat Mitzvot, births, weddings and memorials. All gifts are gratefully acknowledged. Please send your donations to our intrepid treasurer, Arlene Mazer, 6 Halston Court, Baltimore, Maryland 21209. Todah Rabah! Thank you very much!

Federation—MLAW



Legislative
Update by
JoAnn Orlinsky

For 22 years, MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) has been the statewide voice for Maryland Women and Families, serving as the only non-partisan, statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals that mobilizes to help pass legislation to make Maryland a better place for women and families.

Between 1994 and 2016, MLAW supported 82 successful pieces of legislation that have made a difference for women and families in Maryland. Last session five of the nine bills on the MLAW legislative agenda passed the General Assembly.

MLAW holds its annual conference on legislation in October and a legislative reception in Annapolis during the session. The annual Legislative Agenda is distributed to every Maryland legislator. In collaboration with advocacy partners, testimony is submitted and the agenda promoted. The annual Agenda can be found on the MLAW website: mdlegagendaforwomen.org.

After discussion, the representatives at the December meeting of Federation moved to join the MLAW coalition. Other organizations in the coalition include: AAUW, BPW, Maryland Commission for Women, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, NCJW, Planned Parenthood of Maryland and Women's Law Center of Maryland.



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 the January meeting so they can be placed on a table.

ADAT CHAIM SISTERHOOD

Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 2 – 4pm: Become an Artist for a Good Cause. Join us to Paint a Bowl for the Empty Bowl Baltimore event which benefits St Vincent de Paul of Baltimore (This organization supports Sarah's Hope at Hannah More). This event will be held at Adat Chaim, in the Pleasant Hill Center, 10989 Red Run Boulevard, Suite 109, Owings Mills, MD 21117. We need at least 15 people to host this event. The cost is \$10 to paint a bowl. RSVP to Adrienne Frager at AdrienneSL@aol.com or 410-526-0681 by Sunday, February 5, 2017.

Sunday, April 30, 2017: bus trip to The National Museum of Health and Medicine with a docent-led overview and The Ratner Museum to view the biblical themed art gallery and sculptures. We hope to be greeted by the artist himself. Kosher dairy lunch will be included. We are leaving at 10am from the parking lot of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and returning at 4pm. Cost is \$36 per person. **RSVP by March 19, 2017** to Adrienne Frager at 13038 Tarragon Road, Reisterstown MD 21136. Include a good phone number and email address. Contact Adrienne at AdrienneSL@aol.com for more information.

ASSOCIATED WOMEN

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm, The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore will hold the second annual Hamantaschen Make-n-Take at the Park Heights JCC. The event is chaired by Tsipi and Stephani Renbaum, and Sora and Rena Greenlinger – dual mother/daughter (in law) chairs. This grand scale event is an opportunity for mothers and children, sisters and girlfriends, to bond and share in the comradery of making Hamantaschen together in advance of Purim. In the spirit of giving Mishloach Manot, guests will be asked to bring canned goods that will be assembled on site and donated to the Weinberg Senior Living Centers by Jewish Volunteer Connection. For information, please contact Alisa Rank arank@associated.org or 410-369-9215.

BALTIMORE HEBREW SISTERHOOD

Monday, March 6, 2017: Baltimore Hebrew Congregation's 57th Annual Interfaith Institute will be held at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Avenue. Our pertinent is topic "The Fear Of Islam in American Public Discourse." Our keynote speaker is Dr. Homayra Zaid from the Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish studies. Our responders

are Dr. Kristin Witte, coordinator of Catholic Educational Engagement for Catholic Relief Services, and Catherine Orsborn, Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign. Our moderator is Rabbi Andrew Busch, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. This Institute will start with registration at 9:30am and the program continues until 2:00pm. The format in the morning will be the keynote speaker, followed by the panel of experts. The attendees will be split into small groups for lunch-and-learn sessions led by facilitators. This is followed with a question and answer session with panelists. To register: baltimorehebrew.org/interfaithinstitute. For Info call 410-764-1587 ext. 270.

BETH EL SISTERHOOD

Monday, January 9, 2017: 11:30am

General Meeting, Luncheon and Program. Christopher Reed, Chair and Professor, Film and Moving Image at Stevenson University, will discuss the American film industry, how it was founded on the East Coast of the United States by the Ohio-born inventor Thomas Edison, and how it quickly became the province of highly energetic and entrepreneurial new immigrants, most of them Jews from Central and Eastern Europe. This is an important chapter in film history with its enduring legacy today.

February 6, 2017: 11:30am

General Meeting, Luncheon and Program

Beth El's Rabbi Educator, Rabbi Faith Cantor will be our presenter. Her topic is: "Are You Kidding Me? - THAT'S in the Bible?" From The Serious to the Absurd ... An Exploration of Unusual Bible Stories.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017: 12:00pm - Rabbi Schwartz's Book Review and Petite Luncheon. Rabbi Schwartz Reviews "The Underground Railroad" by Colin Whitehead. A petite luncheon will precede the review at the cost of \$12. Reservations will close on Wednesday, February 8th. For more information contact Alice Levin asl0934@gmail.com or 410-484-0934.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017: 12:00pm - Rabbi Dana Sorokin's Book Review and Petite Luncheon. Rabbi Sorokin Reviews "Henna House." A petite luncheon will precede the review at the cost of \$12. If you plan on attending both reviews, you may send a check for \$24 payable to Beth El Sisterhood, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208. For more information contact Alice Levin asl0934@gmail.com or 410-484-0934 or

Judy Pachino judipatch@comcast.net or 410-486-6620.

April 3, 2017, 6:00pm: Joint sisterhood dinner for Conservative synagogues. Cost \$38. Call your joint sisterhood chair at your respective synagogue for reservations or more information.

BETH TFILOH SISTERHOOD

Tuesday, January 31, 2017: Beth Tfiloh Sisterhood's Day of Games. Cost \$18 for lunch and snacks. Bring your friends for Mah Jongg, canasta, bridge, scrabble or whatever you play. We have the tables. Time 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Contact info: Ellen Karp, 443-660-7690 or Brenda Pariser 410-263-8903. Snow date **February 7, 2017**.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017: Pesach Cooking Demonstration with Ora Imanoel.

Sunday, April 30, 2017: Trip to the Newseum.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017: Beth Tfiloh Sisterhood's Day of Games. Cost \$18 for lunch and snacks. Bring your friends for mah jongg, canasta, bridge, scrabble or whatever you play. We have the tables. Time 12:00 am – 4:00 pm. Contact info: Ellen Karp, 443-660-7690 or Brenda Pariser 410-263-8903.

Sunday, May 21, 2017: Trip to Peddlers Village.

Thursday, June 8, 2017: Trip to Longwood Gardens.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017: Book and Dinner Night with author Lauran Silverman.

BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE, BALTIMORE CHAPTER:

Thursday January 19, 2017 at the Hadassah meeting room, 1 pm. Brandeis Community Book Discussion: *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood.

Our Live and Learn Study Guide is out with 29 interesting classes. Here is a small sampling of our Live and Learn Classes.

March 7, 2017: 1:30 pm - British Masters of Design.

March 8, 2017: 1:30 pm - Million Dollar American Princesses.

March 15, 2017: 1:30 pm - Movies we love: "Punchline".

April 24, 2017: 1:30 pm - Artists in Our Midst - Ilene Gold, Collages. Open Meetings:

January 19, 2017: 1pm - Book Review and Discussion: "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead at Hadassah Meeting Room.

April 20, 2017: 1pm - Guest speaker Wayne Schaumburg: Illustrated lecture on Baltimore History at Hadassah Meeting Room.

June 15, 2017: - Book and Author Luncheon featuring Debbie Cenziper, an investigative journalist, who works for the Washington Post. Please call Ella Cohen 410-486-8637 for details. To receive a copy, call Brenda Cohen [410-581-2229](tel:410-581-2229) or check our website for Live and Learn Programs at blogs.brandeis.edu/bnccaltimore.

CHIZUK AMUNO SISTERHOOD

January 15, 2017: 10am Shabbat Workshop -

Join Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood and Rabbi Debi Weschler as we learn more about being on the bimah and participating in Shabbat Services. No charge.

January and February - various Friday and Sunday mornings - we will be making all of the Hamentaschen for the synagogue this Purim holiday. All welcome (adults and children 11 years old and older with an adult) to help!

February 7, 2017: 7pm Tu Bishvat Seder - Join Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood and Rabbi Debi Weschler as we study and participate in this unique seder.

February 19, 2017: Time to be determined Mah Jongg Tournament (WLCJ Torah FUNd-raiser) - Join Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood for a Mah Jongg Tournament as we also raise funds for the Women's League of Conservative Judaism Torah Fund, which raises money for scholarships and support for those in our rabbinic and cantorial colleges.

March 28, 2017 at 7pm Pink Challah Bake - Join Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood and Shasheret in a PINK Challah Bake and learn about hereditary cancers that affect women.

COVENANT GUILD, INC

January 15 and February 12, 2017: Sunday Brunches at Temple Oheb Shalom.

March 12, 2017: Mah Jongg Tournament at Temple Oheb Shalom.

For information, contact Lois Balsler at 410-486-2113.

HADASSAH GREATER BALTIMORE

Thursday, February 2, 2017: 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Owings Mills JCC.

Every Beat Counts: Women's Cardiac Health. Join us for an informative and fun evening as we help get the word out to women about heart disease, the #1 killer of women. To register for this event, please call 410-484-9590 or go to www.hadassah.org/baltimore.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017: Get your "Chocolate" on: Hadassah's Hershey Spa Day. Contact our office at 410-484-9590 or visit our website www.hadassah.org/baltimore for information.

11th Annual Cell-A-Brate. Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 5:00pm. At the Doubletree By Hilton in Pikesville, MD. Silent Auction-Delicious Dining-Great Music and Dancing with So Fresh Entertainment. All proceeds benefit Hadassah's stem cell research and advocacy efforts. Call 410-484-9590 or visit www.hadassah.org/baltimore for information.

Chapter News:

Charm City: Saturday, January 28, 2017: 8:00pm, Gordon Center at Owings Mills JCC. Program: Judy Gold, RSVP:

Roberta.greenstein@comcast.net

Ora: Tuesday, January 10, 2017: 7:00pm, place: Pikesville Branch, Baltimore County Library. Program: Librarian, Ruth Brown- books of Jewish interest

RSVP: Hadassah Office 410-484-9590.

Shira: Monday, January 9, 2017: 6:30pm, place: Home of Cheryl Phillips (Owings Mills). Program: Meditation presented by Susan Weiss. Cost: \$10 Call the office to charge- 410-484-9590.

HAR SINAI CONGREGATION SISTERHOOD

January 22, 2017: 9:30 – 11am: Sleepless in Baltimore, *Learn How to Get a Restful Night's Sleep*, a presentation by Dr. Steven Shoenfeld, Baltimore Magazine's Best Sleep Doctor in Baltimore. The cost is \$5. RSVP to Nicki @ 443-465-6444. (If bad weather, rescheduled for February 5th. Same time.)

January 29, 2017: 9:30-11am: Breakfast presentation, Change Management and Leading Your Life, by Dennis DiMaggio (VP Learning & Development, Chief Learning Officer). Cost is \$10. RSVP to Jay Burman at 410-833-0972 or burmanjs@verizon.net.

March 23, 2017: Our Women's Seder. For details, call Dr. Sheryl Jacobs at 410-409-2135 or sheryljacobs@comcast.net. Our Bible study happens at 11am on Mondays (except during holidays) with our Rabbi Linda Joseph. Our Erev Shabbat services are scheduled at 6:15pm with the following special events: •Shabbat Rocks on **January 20, 2017, February 24, 2017, March 24, 2017.** •Jewish disabilities awareness and inclusion Shabbat will be on **February 24, 2017.** •Tu B'Shevat with wine tasting will be on **February 10, 2017 at 6:15 pm.** This is a fantastic program with delicious foods and special wines presented by a wine connoisseur. There is a charge. Please call Rebecca Diamond at 410-654-9393 for details.

Torah study happens on **Saturdays from 9-10 am** in the main sanctuary. Our Saturday morning services occur at 10:30 am in the main sanctuary. Please call CeCe Rund, President of the Har Sinai Sisterhood, with any questions about Sisterhood.

Our fully stocked Judaica Shop is open before and after Religious School on Sundays (except holidays) from 10 am-12 noon. Call Eilene Cohen at 410-580-0746 with any questions about our Judaica Shop.

Har Sinai offers interesting adult educational programs called SPICE.

After Death...Afterlife? Classes on **Thursday, March, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017** at 10:30am – 12pm. Presenter is Rabbi Linda Joseph.

Forgiveness, Repentance & the Art of Sacred Arguing. **Tuesdays, March 28, April 18, 25** at 10:30am – 12 pm. Presenter is Dr. Rosann Catalano. Our main office number is 410-654-9393.

KAPPA GUILD

Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 12:00pm. Chanukah Lunch and Meeting Serengeti Steak House 2839 Smith Avenue. Entertainment by The Songbirds.

Donor: May 24, 2017—Mark Your Calendars!

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Federation Calendar

January 26, 2017, The Changing Face of Jewish Baltimore

March 16, 2017, TBA

May 11, 2017, 101st Convention

June 8, 2017, Presidents Reception

NOTE: All Federation meetings are held on Thursdays.
The above dates are subject to change and will be announced
in *The Flame* and on the Website.

Remember to become a friend of Federation



Send check for \$18 to Arlene Mazer, 6 Halston Court, 21209.
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