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Mid-Winter Conference Thursday, January 20, 2022 9:30AM Zoom Virtual Meeting



Presented By

Howard Libit, Executive Director of the
Baltimore Jewish Council and
Emily Goodman, Director of Holocaust and
Antisemitism Programming

Program: The speakers will address current antisemitic events and activities in our community, our state and our nation. One will also become more aware of how to combat this form of hate.

**For more information and to register, contact
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Message from Our President



Looking back this year, our first two Zoom meetings were very successful and well attended, even though we are still dealing with COVID. Our opening meeting with Lauren Hogan from NAEYC focused on “Child Care and COVID: The Challenges, The Opportunities and What You Can do to Help.” On

November 18th, we had our evening meeting with speaker Susan Turnbull speaking about “Women’s Issues: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back.” At our upcoming Mid-Winter Conference on January 20th, Howard Libit, Executive Director of the Baltimore Jewish Council, will present information about “Antisemitism: Facing it. Combating it.” Please encourage the members of your organization to join us for our future meetings. You will find them interesting and informative.

The convention committee has been hard at work planning for our 106th Annual Convention on

Thursday, May 12, 2022. Our theme is “The Changing Roles of Women for the Future.” Soon, you will be asked to select a woman in your organization who will receive “The Woman Who Embraces Change” award. We are pleased to announce that this year’s E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement award will be given to Annette Saxon.

One component of the Federation mission is to continue to bring you information of important issues of the day. We monitor what is happening with our legislators and attend Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) meetings. When there is something new and crucial, we will let you know at our meetings, on our website and in The Flame.

May we all have a year of Health, Peace and Blessings in 2022!



*Happy New Year,
Marcia Bornfriend*



Review of our Opening Meeting

On September 30, 2021, our Federation had their opening meeting. Due to the continued Covid problems, our meeting was held via Zoom. Helene H. Waranch, past president, introduced the featured speaker, Lauren Hogan, Managing Director of Policy and Professional Advancement of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The topic of her presentation was “Child Care and COVID: The Challenges, The Opportunities and What You Can Do To Help.”

Ms. Hogan stated that child care needs to be affordable and high quality, but is not at present. She noted that currently child care workers are paid very low wages which makes it a difficult job for women to stay in. She added that the COVID pandemic caused closures of many child care programs and forced women in particular out of the workforce. The pandemic may also have created opportunities by infusion of funding and increased awareness of the need to change the status quo. Ms. Hogan emphasized the importance of advocacy through sharing personal stories and experiences, going to meetings, researching and contacting local officials, joining NAEYC and staying informed. She noted that the military has developed an exemplary child care model. She provided us with web sites and information as to how one can be an advocate for both early childcare and education. For more information, please go to help@naeyc.org or call 202-232-8777.

Following a Q & A opportunity, Marcia thanked Ms. Hogan for her important presentation and noted that she will be posting the video of her talk online. Helene H. Waranch recommended that one resolution for the Annual Convention address early childhood education. Our Social Action project for this program was buying new school supplies for Fallstaff Elementary and Middle Schools. It was a very successful and informative opening meeting of our Federation.

Federation Legislative Update—2021-2022

Did You Know That:

According to the Census, the United States has 23 million more people than 10 years ago. More than 1/3 of the nation now lives in counties where people of color are a majority. More Americans who previously identified as white are now choosing more than one race. Forty percent of the total population now identify as multiracial. A majority of the total population now identify as multiracial. More than 128,650 Marylanders self-identified as American Indian or Alaska natives. Prince Georges County has a larger population than five U. S. States.

Maryland is one of only 14 states that allow children under 18 to get married. The current law in Maryland is age 15. If married before 18, they are unable to file for divorce until 18. Maryland has become a destination state for people from other states. For seven years advocates have tried to raise the age to 17 (a compromise). Another try is scheduled for next legislative session.

The United States spends 0.2% of its Gross Domestic Production (GDP) on children under 2 years old. Typical parents of 2 year olds in Denmark pay no more than 25% of the cost of care, which averages \$200. The U.S. average cost for day care is \$1,100 per month.

In September the President raised the cap on refugees' admissions to the United States to 125,000 for the next 12 months. Before the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan,

there were already 82.4 million displaced refugees in 2020. The current Administration has revised the food stamp program's nutritional standards and increased monthly benefits per person by 25%, affecting 42 million people. In October, the Department of Health and Human Services revised the restrictive Title X requirements that resulted in the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore refusing to take restricted federal funding.

Mitch McConnell has voted 32 times over the years to raise the debt ceiling but recently voted not to raise it.

Between January and June of 2021, 13,000 men entered the workforce, while the number of working women fell by 57,000.

Maryland's bus industry employs 2,749 people but indirectly supports 39,000 additional jobs.

Hospitals in Maryland employ 107,000 people.

Just 40% of the top-paying jobs in Maryland state government are held by women.

Outdoor recreation in Maryland accounts for 89,000 jobs and puts \$7 billion in the state's economy. The Department of Natural Resources and the Governor have created a new Office of Outdoor Recreation.

The Maryland General Assembly session starts on January 12th. Final Filing date for candidates for the 2022 election is February 22nd. The Primary Election is June 28th. The General Election is on November 8th. **Remember to vote!!**



Save The Date—Thursday, May 12, 2022

106th Federation Annual Convention

PRESENTATIONS of the *E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award to Recipient Annette Saxon* and *A Woman Who Embraces Change Award to members from our constituent organizations.*
More Info to follow!



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!

Report on our Educational Program, November 19, 2021



Susan Turnbull, Political Activist

Women's Issues: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

Our President, Marcia Bornfriend, called our meeting to order. Following the business meeting, we began our educational program, entitled "Women's Issues: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back."

Over 60 participants zoomed in to hear Susan Turnbull, a well-known political activist, speak on women's issues today and made one realize that every social and economic issue is a woman's issue.

COVID, Racism, Antisemitism have all led to issues for women. Women must be able to access female mental and physical care and have equal rights. Ms. Turnbull discussed some of these issues from her perspective as a political activist.

Susan also pointed out that voting rights is a women's issue and that we cannot underestimate the power of voting. In Maryland we have been fortunate to have had strong female representation. In the past, we have had Barbara Mikulski and now have Shelly Hettleman, both leaders for women's rights. Ms. Turnbull once again encouraged all of us to exercise our right to vote.

Welcome Shalom Tikvah to our Federation!

The Federation prides itself on bringing together a diverse group of women's organizations together. It is a way to learn from each other, support the Jewish community and our member organizations and advocate for issues of major concern. We are pleased that Shalom Tikvah has agreed to join the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland.

Founded in 2017, Shalom Tikvah is a nonprofit that offers comprehensive and coordinated mental health services for families seeking an elevated level of care. The mission of Shalom Tikvah is to provide whole family mental health care including therapy, mentorship, case management, school consultation and anything else that a family needs to thrive in the face of mental illness.

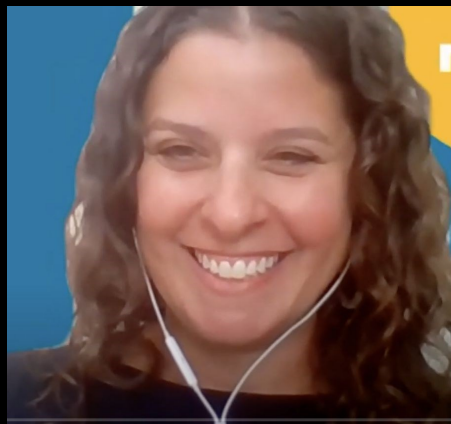
Shalom Tikvah strengthens families by going into their homes and schools, as well as working with families in our Pikesville office, providing mental health and wrap-around service. Shalom Tikvah does so much more than "traditional" therapy. Utilizing community resources such as volunteer tutors and mentors, referrals to community partners such as JCS, CHANA, Chai Lifeline and others, Shalom Tikvah creates a 360 degree system of individualized support for each family. Dr. Nicole Glick and Jennifer Grossman are the founders of Shalom Tikvah. According to an article from JMore in 12/13/2019—"There are so many barriers when it comes to mental health care, and we strive to take down those barriers," says Jennifer Grossman, Shalom Tikvah's co-founder. "Our families look like our neighbors or our children's friends' parents. These are good people in tough situations." Grossman, an educator who has extensive experience in the nonprofit world, and Dr. Nicole Glick, a licensed psychologist, founded the organization.

Shalom Tikvah removes the barriers of mental health care services for families in need. This Organization is already an asset to our community. For more information about this wonderful organization, please visit their website <https://shalomtikhvah.org/who-we-are>. Welcome Shalom Tikvah!

**TECHNOLOGY STILL KEEPS US TOGETHER!
HERE ARE SOME PICTURES FROM OUR PAST
VIRTUAL MEETINGS.**



REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR ZOOM MEETINGS SAFE WITH PRIVATE REGISTRATION LINKS



Lauren Hogan of NAEYC



Rabbi Elbson — SERV-A



Susan Turnbull



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

Friday, January 14, 2022 - Fundraising event - Delicious Shabbat Dinner catered by Yaffa. Orders and payments are due by January 6th. Call Dr. Harriet Meier at 410-833-8822 for more information or email Linda at acsisterhoodevents@gmail.com. Pick-up will take place Friday, Jan. 14th between 1-2 at the synagogue located at 11421 Cronhill Drive, Suite H, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Sisterhood Shabbat Services will be held on Jan. 15th. – For more information and to contact synagogue, visit website at <http://www.adatchaim.com/>.

Sunday January 23, 2022 11:30 AM - Zoom virtual Jewish tour of Paris. There is a charge of \$18.00 to support the Torah Fund of Jewish Theological Seminary. To receive a flyer and pay, contact Linda Boteach at this email address acsisterhoodevents@gmail.com.

BETH EL SISTERHOOD

January 3, 2022 at noon-Doug Shadel, a former fraud investigator and Assistant Attorney General in Washington. He will discuss his new book, "Outsmarting the Scam Artist: How to Protect Yourself From The Most Clever Cons." For more information or to register, please call Marcia Boonshaft at 410-484-3112.

February 7, 2022 at noon- Rabbi Tiferet Berenbaum is a member of the clergy at Temple Beth Zion in Brookline, Massachusetts. As one of the few African American Rabbis, she is able to bring her unique perspective as she works to lead anti-racism training for Jewish communities across the country. Learn about her journey to Judaism and hear her valuable insights into the intersection of race, racism and religion. For more information or to register, please call Marcia Boonshaft at 410-484-3112.

March 7, 2022 at noon- Congressman Jamie Raskin will be our guest speaker. Not only was he the House Manager for President Trump's second impeachment trial, he was dealing with the untimely tragic loss of his 25 year old son by suicide. For more information or to register, please call Marcia Boonshaft at 410-484-3112.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM - Presenter: Rahel Musleah "From Baghdad to Calcutta" A multi-faceted visual, song and story presentation offering a rare and intimate view of a rich culture little known to most. Contact Edie Meyers at ediemeyers@hotmail.com for zoom information.

HADASSAH

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 7:00 PM- Advocacy Program on the Paid Family Medical Leave - Time to Care Act. We will have partners from Jews United for Justice (JUFJ) and the Time to Care Act Coalition to discuss this important legislation being considered in the 2022 Maryland General Assembly. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://hadassah-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsc-2vrzsrGtVws-mmJfDIOW4hN4Oxs6XS>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 11 AM - Lunch and Learn, \$50 for session 2 ZOOM. Register at <https://events.hadassah.org/2021-2022baltlunchandlearn>. For more information contact Barbara Black at bblack@hadassah.org.

ISRAEL BOND WOMEN'S DIVISION

Thursday, January 13th, 2022 - 11 AM - 12 PM - Tu B'Shevat Planting Event – Grow with Israel Bonds chaired by Leslie Goldberg and Nina Rosenzweg. It will be led by our collaborating partner Pearlstone with step-by-step instructions on how to plant your own indoor herb seedlings with materials we will supply. They will focus on earth-based Jewish teachings and the connection to Israeli history and contemporary agriculture in Israel. Hope you can join us! Contact hillary.lewis@israelbonds.com for more information.

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Sunday, January 9, 2022 - Chinese To Go Drive Up Dinner. David Chu's China Bistro. Pick up 12 noon-1:00PM. For information and to order dinner, contact Sheila Mentz 410-484-8215 or email morahsheila@aol.com or Miriam Stern 410-602-0175 or email bubbysternmail@aol.com.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - Evening Virtual Bingo. Cost \$12. For information and to register call Miriam Stern 410-602-0175 email bubbysternmail@aol.com or Sheila Mentz 410-484-8215 email morahsheila@aol.com.

Friday, April 1, 2022 - Shabbat to Go Drive Up Dinner. Catering by Yaffa. Pick up at Beth Tfiloh Congregation 3300 Old Court Road at the main entrance from 12 noon - 1:00PM. For information and to order dinner, contact Sheila Mentz 410-484-8215 or email morahsheila@aol.com or Miriam Stern 410-602-0175 or email bubbysternmail@aol.com.



Under Our Umbrella

Upcoming Events by our Organizations continued...

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March 15, 2022 11:30 AM -Bingo & Lunch; \$20.00 -members; \$22.00-Guests; MMAE; 7000 Rockland Hills Drive; Balt. MD 21209. RSVP by March 8, 2022. Send check to Hinda Sokolow-410-486-3734 : Join us for Bingo and a box lunch; Bingo cards sold separately.

April 26, 2022-Book and Author and Champagne and Dessert Reception; 6PM; The Ivy Bookshop: 5928 Falls Road; Baltimore. MD 21209. Reservations a must by April 16, 2022; Hinda Sokolow-410-486-3734. Distinguished and acclaimed author Charles Belfoure-"The Faberge Secret"; Champagne Dessert Reception to follow. Books available for signing.

May 15, 2022-Family Fun Day; 4 PM - Stay tuned for more information; MMAE ;7000 Rockland Hills Drive, Baltimore, MD 21209. Petting zoo, games, food for cash and multi-generational activities.

TEMPLE ISAIAH SISTERHOOD

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Mah Jongg Tournament Continental Breakfast, lunch and prizes. Cost - \$50 RSVP to Doris Geisler timahjongtournament@gmail.com or Charlotte Sass charsass@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

Wednesdays with Women of BHC- On several Wednesdays, WBHC is offering different programs on zoom. To attend, email womenofbhc@gmail.com and request the zoom link.

Wednesday, December 22, 2022 at 10 AM - Health Issues in the Headlines and Reading Between the Lines presented by Tony Nguyen MLIS, AHIP, Executive Director of the National Library of Medicine in Health and Human Services at University of Maryland-Baltimore.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 11 AM - Lost and Grief presented by artist Claudia Chappel at the BHC gallery. Masks required.

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 11 AM - The Book Circle discussion on Front Stoops in the Fifties by Michael Olesker.

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:30 PM - Dishonor: Jewish Badges of Medieval Europe presented by Sara Jablon-Roberts, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Marketing and Retail, Johnson and Wales University.

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 11 AM - Michael Olesker speaking about his book: Front Stoops in the Fifties: Baltimore Legends Come of Age. (Join us in person at BHC with your masks or participate on zoom.)

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:30 PM - Pikesville Revitalization presented by Shelly Morhaim, president, Pikesville Armory Foundation and Izzy Patoka, County Council member, District #2.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 11 AM - Cooking for Passover by Bernice Parrazzo, personal chef.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:30 PM- Jewish Migration in America presented by Mike Kalt, genealogy buff since 1984.

Special Programs

Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 10 AM - WBHC Meeting: Does the Jewish State Treat All Jews Equally? Presented by Anat Hoffman, executive director, Israel Religious Action Center and president, Women of the Wall Board of Directors. Fee: \$18 of which a portion will be sent to IRAC and WOW. Email: womenofbhc@gmail.com to receive the zoom registration.

Monday, March 7, 2022 at 9:30 AM - Interfaith Institute: Building Understanding: Dispelling Hate Chair with speaker Attorney General of Maryland, Brian Frosh. Contact Carol Caplan for more information at carolcica@comcast.net.

Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM - in the Sanctuary - Women's Shabbat: co-chairs Leslie Glickman and Sharon Mond. Kiddush: Co-chairs Suzanne Crone and Janet Livingston.



In Memoriam

We regret to share the passing of two truly wonderful men, Bernard Mazer, the husband of Past President, Arlene Mazer and David Davis, husband of Past President Jane Davis. We are so sorry their your loss. May their memories be a blessing.

Federation Calendar
(meetings are held on Thursdays)

Meetings Held Either Virtually or in Person



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Mid-Winter Conference—January 20, 2022

March Meeting—March 17, 2022

106th Annual Convention— May 12, 2022

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SAVE THE DATE—106TH ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 12, 2022!

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