



The Flame

*The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland
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Lighting the Way for Jewish Women Leaders

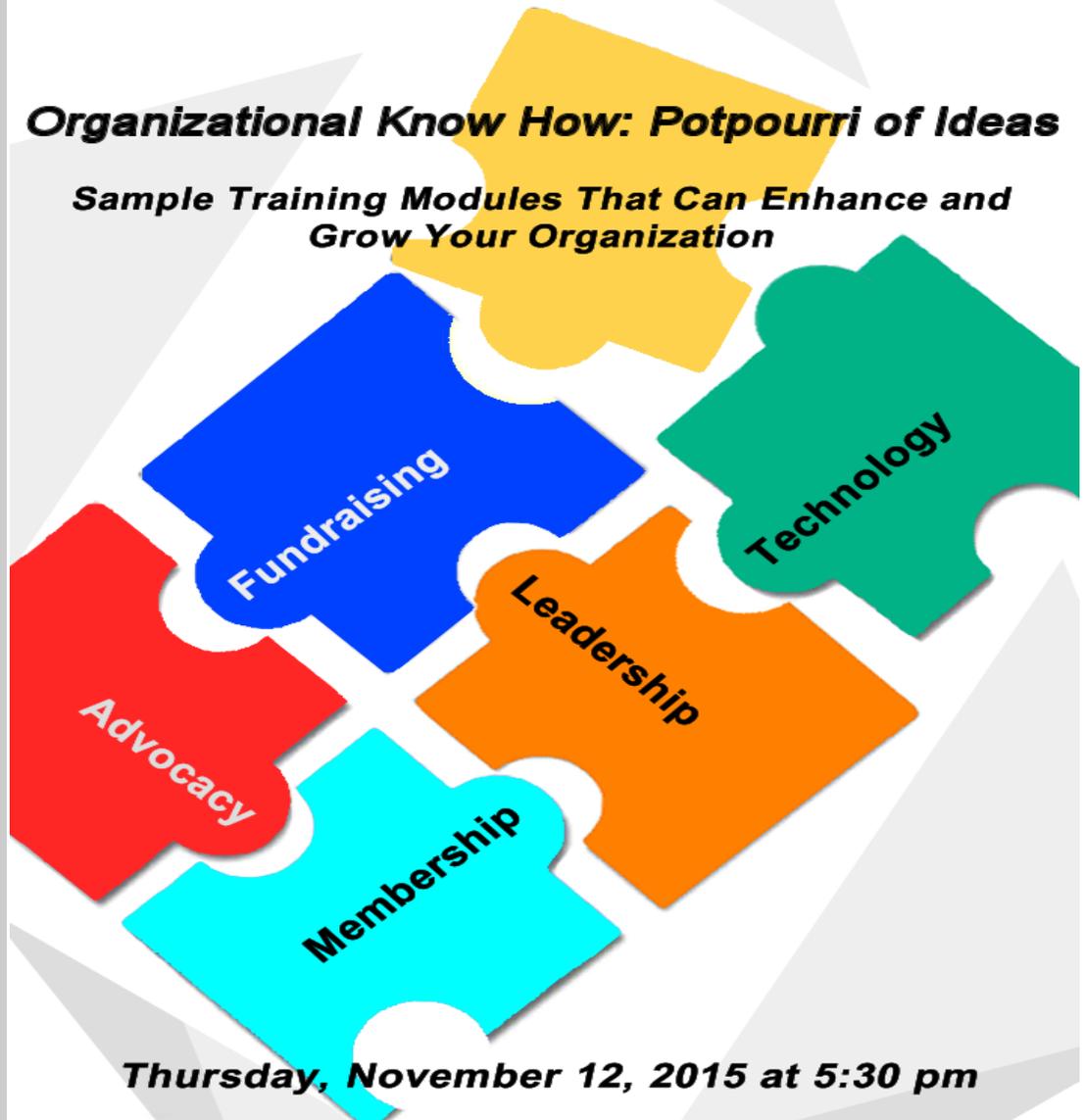
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Organizational Know How: Potpourri of Ideas

Sample Training Modules That Can Enhance and Grow Your Organization



Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 5:30 pm

In cooperation with CCEL: The Center for Community Engagement & Leadership,
Agency of The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore

Temple Oheb Shalom Congregation, 7310 Park Heights Avenue, 21208

Kosher Dinner will be served

**Make a reservation by sending a \$20 check to
Arlene Mazer, 6 Halston Court 21209**

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Message from our President



Welcome to a new year of Federation—a year that will culminate in our 100th birthday. Keeping with our tradition during this Jewish New Year, I reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to a great celebration. Of great concern is Iran and how the treaty, whether approved or not by our Congress, will work to prevent a nuclear disaster.

We will continue to watch with great interest and some humor and perhaps a little disbelief as more and more candidates announce for President. For 100 years, Federation has been an exciting, comfortable place for Jewish women to come together for education, advocacy, understanding and friendship, empowering themselves and their families to make a difference for the Jewish people.

Throughout the year we will revisit our history with fun and remembrance. In November... we will go back to the past for a mini "School for A Day" with an updated "twist" as we explore the skills needed to be leaders for the next hundred years. In



January we will uncover the "mysteries" of the Mikvah and its impact on today's Jewish women. In March we will travel to Annapolis to put what we have learned to the test as we visit the General Assembly.

For 100 years, Federation has focused on Women's Rights from pay equity and childcare to women's healthcare, including reproductive needs and concerns. We will keep you constantly informed using the technology of emails and encouraging you to visit our website on a regular basis. Federation is here for you. Please let us know your needs from publicizing your events to requests for speakers or advice. We are just a phone call, tweet, or email away. We can only make this happen if each of you "show up"... attend meetings and programs, volunteer and be a "FRIEND." You will MAKE A DIFFERENCE for the next hundred years. LET'S CELEBRATE.

Be safe and productive,
Sheila K. Derman



THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 99TH ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 7, 2015 "WOMEN WHO LIFT THEIR VOICES"

The Federation of Jewish Women held its 99th Annual Convention on May 7, 2015 at Temple Oheb Shalom. It highlighted the theme of looking back but going forward in celebration of our 100th anniversary. Our morning speaker, Jeanne L. Allert, M.Ed., Founder and Executive Director of The Samaritan Women, educated our constituents about the many issues surrounding domestic human trafficking. She stressed the importance of all of us advocating to our lawmakers to address this troubling problem. We were fortunate that once again this year many legislative representatives from across Maryland attended our convention because they know the power of our voices. Since it was Lag B'Omer, we were treated with a special cantorial concert featuring Cantors Renata Braun, Robbie Solomon and Robert Gerber. It was a most entertaining performance. The E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award honoree was Beth Goldsmith, an exemplary community leader. Her speech made us aware of what we can accomplish as individuals. This motivated and empowered us. Our afternoon program then focused on acknowledging the women selected by each organization to receive the "Woman Who Lifts Her Voice" Award. They were recognized and honored for their advocacy in making our Jewish community better. We sincerely thank Temple Oheb Shalom for once again hosting our convention. Sandy and Fred Nagel are greatly appreciated for donating their time to be our convention photographers. Also, we thank North Oaks and The Jewish Times for their sponsorship. Finally, Rochelle and I acknowledge and thank our president, Sheila Derman and our hard-working committee, who spent many hours planning and organizing this wonderful event. The support of our Federation members, constituent organizations and community leaders helped to make our 99th Convention a big success.

Todah Rabbah,
Linda Boteach and Rochelle Bohrer, 99th Convention Co-chairs

99th Convention Memories



Middle left: E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award honoree Beth Goldsmith
Right: Jeanne L. Allert, Executive Director of The Samaritan Women



Above: Cantorial Concert featuring Cantors Robert Gerber, Renata Braun, and Robbie Solomon
Left: "Woman Who Lifts Her Voice" Award Honorees

Nominating Committee

Harriet H. Meier, MD. P.P., Chair

In accordance with Article VII of the Bylaws of The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Maryland, the Nominating Committee is looking for officers for the term 2015-2016. Committee members are, Carol J. Caplan, P.P. (Baltimore Hebrew Sisterhood); Betsy Narrow (Beth El Sisterhood); Jo-Ann Orlinsky, (NCJW); Sheila Stern, (Hadassah); Eve Vogelstein, P.P. (Levindale Auxiliary); Lynda Weinstein, P.P., (Baltimore Hebrew Sisterhood); Please submit any names to committee chair, Harriet H. Meier, 410-833-8822 hlmeier@gmail.com

SERV-A: Service Men and Women Receive Packages

by Betty Seidel

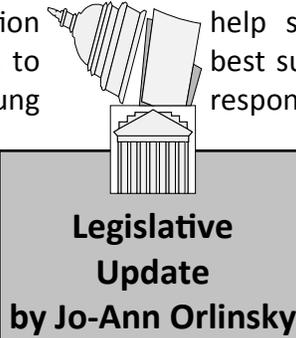
They missed the Seder at home on Passover! The New Year will probably be ushered in without their presence! I speak of the Jewish men and women in the United States Armed Services who are courageously protecting our interests throughout the world. How sweet it is that we have not forgotten them! The Chaplain's Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board allocates SERV-A funds to provide ceremonials, prayer books and traditional holiday treats. So, in the spirit of sharing, we need no reminder to submit each organization's annual \$75 appropriation. Individuals may also make contributions in any amount to commemorate special happy or sad occasions. Our intrepid treasurer, Arlene Mazer, will be happy to receive and acknowledge all gifts to SERV-A, Federation's incredible project that brings boundless joy to all of us, and especially to our nation's Jewish servicemen and women.

One of Federation's Action Resolutions passed at Convention on May 7, 2015 addresses Trafficking of Women and Children. Our resolution encourages our organizations to take action to educate the community, offer services to victims, provide information to at-risk young women and their families, advocate for legislation to aid victims and to prosecute perpetrators.

In Maryland, during the past session of the General Assembly, two bills were enacted by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The first, creates an affirmative defense of human sex trafficking for defendants charged with prostitution when the trafficker has been criminally charged (a conviction is not required).

The second bill prohibits prosecution of minors (being trafficked) for prosecution and protects sexually exploited children and teens for being

treated as criminals. The bill creates a statewide task force to make recommendations for establishing a Safe Harbor policy that would help survivors, addresses which agencies are best suited to provide services and how best to respond to trafficked children and teens.



Over the past year, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA), the Maryland Women's Law Center and the University of Baltimore have become more active in these issues and have made them priority issues. The Maryland Women's Law Center now has a Trafficking Victims Post-Conviction Advocacy Project, assisting victims from across the state to vacate their criminal trafficking related convictions (blame the victim). The University of Baltimore Law School will now have an anti-trafficking project within the law school's Civil Advocacy Clinic.



FEDERATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 100th Annual Convention Thursday, May 19, 2016

Get ready as we pay tribute to our Federation at our milestone event.
Celebrate with us as we honor our Constituent Organizations.

Event Details

Morning Program: Business meeting—Celebration of each of our constituent organizations
Keynote Speaker: Marcia Greenberger, Founder and Co-President of the National Women's Law Center

Afternoon Program: Special Motzi sung by our members—Delicious Kosher Lunch—Release and Installation of new officers— AND...

100 YEARS CELEBRATED WITH A THEATRICAL AND VIDEO SHOW

**E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree ROCHELLE (RIKKI) SPECTOR
"Carrier of the Flame" Award presented to a member of each of our organizations**

SAVE THE DATE

Co-chairs: Eve Vogelstein (410-708-3228) and Lynda Weinstein (410-979-9610)



Under Our Umbrella

The Flame is happy to highlight your organization's events. Submit your information for the winter issue to: info@jewishwomensfed.org or call Eve at 443-708-3228.

Join Chizuk Amuno's Sisterhood on a Broadway bus trip to New York! Fun Home - Winner of 5 Tony Awards in 2015 Including "Best Musical" Sunday, November 8th Depart at 7am from Chizuk Amuno parking lot. Make your reservation today! Checks for \$185 (Orchestra Seats) payable to Chizuk Amuno Sisterhood; Attn: Marilyn Spector; 8100 Stevenson Rd; Baltimore, MD 21208 Questions: [410-486-3888](tel:410-486-3888) or marilynspe@gmail.com

Beth Tfiloh's Boscov's Day Shopping Spree: Passes (\$5.00 tax-deductible) are on sale for White Marsh or Westminster, Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Buy them at the Sisterhood gift shop or from Rosalie Klotzman (410-484-3393) or Roz Kalb (410-486-3456). **Food and Game Day:** Reserve quickly for Mah Jongg, bridge, and canasta on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 12 noon to 4 PM. Organize your own groups. The \$18.00 entrance fee includes lunch, dessert, beverages, and a happy, carefree time. The Gift Shop will offer discounted wares; not necessary to be a shul member to charge purchases via the Sisterhood account. Call Ellen Karp (443-660-7690) or Brenda Pariser (410-363-8903) for reservations. Prizes include CASH. Great food and beverages for purchase. Admission: \$20.00 in advance; \$22.00 at the door. Contact Roz Kalb (410-486-3456) for reservations. **Shop-Till-You-Drop Mega-Boutique:** Sunday, November 8, 2015, 10 AM to 5 PM, in the large-capacity Lower School multipurpose room. A delightful array of holiday items. Vendors please call Rosalie Klotzman (410-484-3393) to reserve spaces ASAP (\$100 per space with chairs; tables \$25.00; no commission taken). Vendors of toys, Judaica, knitwear, and all accessories are welcome. Shoppers (free admission) are very welcome. Prize drawings throughout the day.

Har Sinai Congregation will host our annual Quad Temple Brunch. This will be at HSC in the chapel on October 18, 2015 from 10 am-12 noon. The speaker will be the author of *The Paris Architect*, Dan Belfoure.

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood will hold its 21st Annual Holiday Boutique and Silent Auction which will provide a one-stop holiday shopping experience for the whole family on Sunday October 25, 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday October 26, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. BHC is located at 7401 Park Heights Avenue at the corner of Park Heights and Slade Avenue. Admission and parking are free. All proceeds will allow the BHC Sisterhood to continue its extensive list of charitable works throughout the year. There will be dozens of upscale vendors offering for sale jewelry, clothes and accessories, stationery, handmade soaps, crafts, toys, books, household items, gifts, Judaic items, and much more. In addition, there will also be a silent auction with over 100 items for attendees to bid on. Throughout each day the Holiday Boutique Café will serve delicious food. For further information, call 410-764-1587 EXT. 270.

Social Action Committee

Thanks to everyone who has brought items for our social action projects this year. I hope that this activity will start you thinking of ways your group can participate with repairing the world. As we look ahead to the coming year, I will be calling on our hosting organizations for social action ideas. It has always been my belief that it is our responsibility to help those who are in need of our assistance.

If you have ideas for our social action projects, contact Chair Karan Engerman karansander@comcast.net. If your organization has participated in a social action project, let us know.

Officers 2014-2015

Sheila K. Derman, President
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 Harriet Meier, MD., P.P., Community Rep.



Federation Calendar

November 12, 2015, General Meeting, Speaker and Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

January 14, 2016, Mid-Winter Conference, 9:45 a.m.

(Snow Date: **January 21, 2016**)

March 10, 2016, Day in Annapolis

May 19, 2015, Centennial Celebration, 9:30 a.m.

June 16, 2016, President's 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 to Federation

Sent check for \$18 to Arlene Mazer, 6 Halston Court 21209. Remember to designate check as "Friend" or use form available on our Website.



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Centennial Celebration, Thursday, May 19, 2016

Visit our Website often — for the latest news & information, <http://jewishwomensfed.org>